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I
INTRODUCTION

Dr. Will Durant has reminded us that an acquaintance with history is of practical value because it tells us, not what people might have done or should have done, but what they actually did do. Therefore it is at once an interpreter of the present and a guide for the future.

The student of genealogy also is richly rewarded. The dim past becomes luminous and one's ancestors become living personalities instead of merely names in books and inscriptions upon tombstones. An item of special interest unearthed from a dust covered volume provides a thrill similar to that experienced by the miner who detects the gleam of gold amid the dirt of his excavation.

The weekly Machias Valley News Observer, of Machias, Maine, published in December and January, 1941-1942, our first article about the Wass family. Numerous corrections have been made and the present history contains much new material. "Seek and ye shall find" is an excellent motto for the amateur genealogist and most of the information here presented is the result of research in reference libraries. Some original records regarding Thomas Wass, of Haverhill, were examined at the Essex County Court House, Salem, Massachusetts, and the wills of John Wass and of William Speakman, also some of the other information about the Speakman family, were copied from records on file at the old Suffolk County Court House, Boston.

Our present calendar system became effective January 1, 1752. Under the old style the new year began on March 25, therefore for events prior to 1752 the double dating system has been used for the January 1-March 24 period. Absence of this double dating indicates uncertainty as to whether the event is on Old Style or New Style.

The spelling of our name is shown as it appears in print in the books from which the specific information was secured.

The reference volumes contain numerous discrepancies, particularly in dates and in the spelling of names. It is comforting to the amateur to note that professional genealogists frequently disagree. Mistakes were inevitable in the transfer from the sometimes illegible handwritten record to the printed page. It is useless and unreasonable to expect one hundred percent accuracy, but we do secure a story which is substantially correct.

We hope that this brief history may interest others of our name and blood, but it is only a beginning. We have traced a few of the limited number of Wasses who came early to this country, but our story in America is like that small portion of an iceberg which is visible above the surface. The vast bulk of our family history remains submerged in the archives of old England.

II
ORIGIN AND BACKGROUND

The Wass family is old but not famous and we do not intend to take it too seriously. In earlier centuries we were quite numerous in England, where some achieved moderate prominence as scholars and educators, and in political, professional and business life. A Wass was a member of the expedition which made the first attempt to establish a permanent English settlement in America. A few more came to this country later and most of their descendants seem to have been just average men and women who played honorable if not distinguished parts in the building of a great nation.

The exact origin of our name is doubtful. Some authorities state that it comes from the Old German "hwas," meaning sharp or keen; others think it is derived from the Old English "wase," meaning dweller at a marshy place or pool, from which also comes the local English "wash" or body of water. One writer thinks the name has a double origin from both these sources.

It is probable that we first lived in what is now Denmark and became part of the great wave of invading and conquering Northmen which began to inundate England and northern France in the ninth century. In the latter country the invaders were afterwards known as Normans.

Like most family names, ours has had numerous variations in spelling. A study of English and American records covering the last seven hundred years indicates that in the process of evolution it has been written most frequently as Wace, Wase, Wasse and Wass. Proof that these are of one and the same family is found in the statements of authorities on English surnames, also in the fact that the historical records often refer to the additional or optional spellings. The old style manner of writing the last two letters of Wass has often caused the name to be printed incorrectly as Waff, Waffe or Wafe, therefore where these last three names were found it has been assumed that they belonged to our family, though this assumption may have led to errors in some cases.

The standard encyclopedias contain references to an Anglo-Norman chronicler named Wace (wäs,) who lived during the period 1100-1175. He was born on the island of Jersey, educated in Normandy and became the author of "Roman de Rou," which is a poetical version of the story of the Norse invasion of France and the subsequent line of Norman dukes. "Patronymica Britannica" - A Dictionary of the Family Names of the United Kingdom, by Mark Antony Lower, published in London in 1860, states that Wace was the personal name of this author as at that time it had not become a surname. Mr. Lower goes on to say: "At a later date the name was variously written Vaice, Wasse, Wass, etc."

"British Family Names," by Rev. Henry Barber, published in London in 1903, has the following: "Wace, Wacey. Anglo-Saxon Was, Wass, Wassa."

"A Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames," by Charles W. Bardsley, published in London in 1901, inclues this: "Wass, Lasse. - Local 'of Wass,' a township in the parish of Kilburn, near Helmsley, North Riding, Yorkshire. This is an established Yorkshire name."

"Homes of Family Names in Great Britain," by Henry Brougham Guppy, refers to the spelling as Wase in 1680, Wass in 1698, Wasse in 1711, remarks that Wass was common in Yorkshire in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and says: "In the thirteenth century this name in one form or another was widely distributed, including Was, Waz, Wase, Waze, Le Wase and De Was."

Some authorities believe that the surname Washington is a branch of the ancient Wass family. The Boston Traveler of March 2, 1925, had an interesting article on George Washington by Dr. Gustav Marius Bruce, of St. Paul, Minnesota. Dr. Bruce was then connected with the Luther Theological Seminary in that city. He said in part:

"Way back in 1769 there existed in Philadelphia a society by the name of Societas Scandinaviensis (Scandinavian Society) composed of Swedes, Norwegians and Danes. The president of the society was a man by the name of Abraham Markoe (Marko), a Norwegian. On December 11, 1782, this society gave a farewell reception to Baron Axel Ferson, a hero of the battle of Yorktown. General Washington was present on this occasion, paid tribute to his former officer and, according to the chronicler of this interesting event, expressed his pleasure at being present among the people of his forefathers' blood, as he claimed descent from the family Wass, who emigrated from Denmark in the year A.D. 970 and settled in the county Durham, England, where they built a small town, calling it Wassingatun (Town of Wass.) At the following January meeting, General Washington was elected honorary member of this society because of his Scandinavian descent."

Albert Welles, author of the "Pedigree and History of the Washington Family," states that the latter name is derived from the village of Wassington (or Wasses' town) in the Parish of Kirkley-Ravensworth in the North Riding of Yorkshire. This village became known by that name from about 1150. Its modern name is Wharleton. Welles claims that the Washington family descended from former residents of Schleswig, a seaport of Denmark.

"English Surnames," by Robert Ferguson, published in London in 1858, makes a similar suggestion, stating that the Anglo-Saxon name of Washington in Sussex was Wassingatun, the town of the Wassings, i.e., sons or descendants of Wass.

Other writers have disputed or ridiculed these claims. The previously quoted Mr. Lower has this to say in answer to Mr. Ferguson:

"The derivation of the heritable surname Washington from an Anglo-Saxon called Wass, and his Wassings, is clearly untenable. The first De Washington, whenever and wherever he flourished - was more likely a Norman, who had settled upon the conquered soil, than a descendant of Wass, who had colonized the spot centuries before the Conquest."

Is there any connection between the Wass and Washington families?

Did our remote ancestors come directly from Scandinavia to England across the North Sea, or did they go first to France and enter England following the Norman Conquest of 1066?

We cannot give the answers to these and other interesting

questions but we do know that they have survived through hundreds of years of English history and that they played their modest part in the development of a high type of civilization. From that civilization has sprung those democratic ideals and principles which are a cherished part of our common heritage.

III
IN ENGLAND

Our family name appears frequently in the English chronicles from about the beginning of the thirteenth century to the present time. Many of the ancient archives covering the period 1200 to 1400 and later have found their way into print. They include "Patent Rolls," "The Calendars of Close Rolls" and the "Calendar of Inquisitions."

The Patent Rolls include records of grants and confirmations of liberties, privileges, offices, dignities, lands, pensions and wardships to corporations and individuals, civil and ecclesiastical; licenses for elections of bishops, abbots and others; pardons, commissions and other documents concerning the perogatives of the Crown; the revenues and the relations of English kings with foreign powers.

The Calendars of Close Rolls were compiled from the official copies of "Royal Letters Close," so called because, being of a comparatively private nature and addressed to particular persons, they were folded small and closed, apparently secured by a narrow strip of the parchment having the Great Seal dependent, and perhaps bearing the address. These documents were issued by the Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper in the name of the Sovereign. These Close Rolls contain entries of the most varied character, illustrating the history of every branch of the public administration, judicial, civil, ecclesiastical and military. They also contain copies of a gasó number of deeds, agreements and awards concerning private persons.

The Inquisitions were records similar to modern indictments or trials, in connection with both criminal and civil cases.

Our name appears throughout this period as Wace, Was, Waas, Wasse, Wass, Wase, Waze and Waz, and a few incidents taken from these Rolls and Calendars may be of interest.

A common witticism about genealogy is that one who undertakes to trace his family history eventually will find an ancestor who was hanged. It is true that some strange fruit is found on every family tree, including about everything from monks to murderers! Some people are sensitive on this subject, perhaps because they lack a sense of humor or have an exaggerated idea of their own importance. Such people are apt to magnify the virtues of those who are a credit to the name and say nothing whatever about the black sheep. We have not yet discovered a Wass who met death by hanging but we have found one who deserved it! Here is the brief and shocking story:

On July 29, 1276, in the reign of Edward I, an Inquisition was held at Appilby on account of the murder of Nicholas de Wighome, rector of Lethe, in the wood of Germok, County of Lancaster. Seven men, including one Thomas Wasse, on account of an old grudge, attacked and killed him with arrows and swords several months prior to this date. For this they were paid ten marks by one Henry de Leze, apparently the instigator of the whole thing and presumably the one who held the grudge against the rector. During the attack Thomas Wasse received a kick from the victim's horse, was taken away that same night by his mother, Maude Wasse, and died.

Ah, well, that was a long, long time ago, life was rough and hazardous and Thomas was visited with swift retribution. We shall consider that the family has had time to live down this shameful episode!

On July 15, 1293, in the reign of Edward I, at Canterbury, one Walter Wace of "Dertemuth" (Dartmough?), master of a ship of Winchelse called "Lamb," with four other shipmasters, entered into an agreement with certain merchants of Bayonne to make suitable restitution on account of attacks made by these masters and their men upon certain mariners of Bayonne, at the Isle of Wight. They were required to swear that they thought the men attacked and slain were Spaniards, and not men of Bayonne. One of the provisions was that they must find six chaplains to celebrate divine service for one year to come, for the souls of the men of Bayonne thus slain, "to wit three chaplains at Portesmouth and three at Bayonne."

December 11, 1332, at York, there was a complaint by one William Latymer that a group of men, including Walter Waas or Wace and Thomas Waas, broke into his houses in County Buckingham, "carried away timber and goods therefrom and assaulted his servants."

Lawlessness and violence at times reigned almost unchecked in those remote medieval days but we must not assume that the picture is all black or that all the early Wasses were bad! Sometimes the circumstances were reversed. August 29, 1333, at Westminster, Humphrey Wace complained that several people had carried away his goods and assaulted his servants in County Wiltshire. November 8, 1392, at Westminster, pardon was given one Gilbert de Haugham, who had entered by night the chamber of Margaret Wasse, of Wyllyngham, and stolen money and clothing. Men bearing our name were given special appointments to arrest offenders. The following additional information of this period comes from miscellaneous sources, part of it from the Rolls and Calendars.

During the reign of Henry III, 1216-1272, there are frequent references to members of the Wace family, including John, his wife Isabella and William Wace, Dean of Waterford. Also, in 1227, to Master Walter Wace, Prior of St. John the Evangelist, who was afterwards Bishop of Waterford.

Sir William Wase is listed as one of the Knights of Edward I, 1272-1307. His name appears frequently as a witness to deeds. During this same reign there is mention of one Peter Wass (note the modern spelling) as the owner of seventy-five acres of land situated opposite a castle.

"William Wace, chivaler," in April, 1362, instituted legal proceedings against Thomas de Williamscote.

Sir Gilbert Wace was prominent in southern England during the latter part of the fourteenth century. He was Sheriff of the Counties of Oxford and Berkshire in 1372 and 1375 under Edward III and in 1379 and 1387 under Richard II. In this capacity he had charge of the royal castle of Oxford. He appears frequently as a witness to legal papers and was himself a large property holder. His will is dated November 13, 1407.

Johannes Wace was one of four men appointed at Lynn, August 21, 1386, to levy a tax for defense of the town. He seems to have been a prominent citizen, as over a period of several years he is mentioned repeatedly in connection with civic offices.

As we enter the sixteenth century we find that some branches of the family have achieved considerable prominence. Somewhere along the way they have rendered services or attained enough distinction to enable them to exhibit a coat of arms, with crest. In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries representatives of the Government visited leading families and compiled their pedigrees. The Visitation of London in 1568 included Christopher Wasse, "citizen and goldsmith of London," and the three preceeding generations. His father was "John Wasse of Wickham, gent.," who was the son of another "John Wasse of Wickham, gent." who was the son of "Christopher Wasse of Wickham in co. Buck., gent." The latter married "Catherine, da. and heyre of Thomas Hampden, sonne and heyre of Thomas Hampden and Margaret his wife." The description of the Coat-of-Arms and Crest of this branch of the family is as follows: Arms, "Quarterly: - 1 and 4. Barry of six argent and gules. 2. Argent, on a saltire gules between four eagles displayed azure a mullet for difference. (Hampden) 3. Argent, on a saltire gules between four door-staples sable an escallop of the field. (Stoughton)." Crest, "A demi-lion rampant argent, ducally gorged azure." A list of "Grantees of Arms" shows that on February 1, 1560/1, a crest was granted to "John Wasse, of London, gent.," but we do not know whether he was part of this particular family.

The Visitations of the County of Nottingham in 1569 and 1614 and of the County of Leicester in 1619 include the pedigree of another branch of the family through six generations, beginning with "John Wase de London, merchant of the time of Henry VI" - (1422-1461.) Arms, "Argent, on a chevron sable between three garbs vert, banded or, as many etoiles of the field." Crest, "Out of clouds proper issuing rays or, thereon a dexter arm embowed in armour argent, garnished of the first, holding by the point a demi battle-axe erect of the second."

"East Anglican Pedigrees" includes that of the Wace family of Occold, County Suffolk, from Peter Wace, who died in 1512, through to the last half of the eighteenth century.

We may note here that Burke's "General Armory" lists two Coats of Arms under the spelling Wass, three under Wasse and three under Wase.

The Wasses were allied by marriage with two of the most prominent families of the Cromwell period, 1640-1660. One of them was the powerful Hampden family, to which Oliver Cromwell himself was related. The other was the Deane family.

Edward Deane of Gloucester, married as his second wife, Miss Anne Wase or Wasse, of Buckinghamshire. The former spelling is usually given in the Deane pedigree, though she was the daughter of Christopher Wasse, goldsmith, of London, presumably the one mentioned in the London Visitation of 1568. Her mother was Anne (Pretyman) Wasse, a sister of Sir John Pretyman. The children of Edward and Anne Deane were Richard, Joseph and Jane. Richard, who was born July 8, 1610, in the parish of Guyting Poher, near Winchcombe, Gloucestershire, became a Major-General of land forces, also an Admiral of the navy, under Cromwell. He also was a Commissioner of the High Court of Justice appointed for the trial of King Charles I, and signed the latter's death warrant. Admiral Deane was killed in a naval battle with the Dutch on June 2, 1653, and was buried in Westminster Abbey on June 24, 1653. After the

restoration of the monarchy his body was removed from the Abbey and eventually buried in St. Margaret's churchyard. Anne (Wase) Deane and her daughter, Jane (Deane) Monteage, both died in 1670 and were buried in Buckingham church. Anne's children had many illustrious descendants, including a Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a Viceroy of India, two Lord Lieutenants of Ireland and many others of title and distinction. Those interested in securing additional information are referred to Volume 7, "The Herald and Genealogist," edited by John Gough Nichols and published in London in 1873.

During the seventeenth century our family produced at least three men who received national recognition as scholars and authors.

Christopher Wase, son of John Wase of London, was born at Hockney about 1625. He was educated at Eton, and King's College, Cambridge, graduating from the latter in 1648. He was a prominent educator and after connections with several other institutions of learning, in 1671 became Superior Beadle of the Civil Law at Oxford University. He was in the group which met King James II on the occasion of the latter's visit to Oxford September 3, 1687. He was an antiquary and a classical scholar. He died August 29, 1690, and was buried at the college. His manuscripts are in the college library.

His son, Christopher Wase, M.A., was born in 1662, educated at Magdalen College and Corpus Christi College of Oxford University. He was vicar of Preston, in Gloucestershire, 1687 to 1690, and at the time of his death on April 4, 1711, was a Fellow of Corpus Christi College. One of his associates at the University refers to him as a man of parts and integrity. He was buried in the college chapel.

Rev. Joseph Wasse, scholar, was born in Yorkshire in 1672 and educated at Queen's College, Cambridge. He received some recognition as an author and later became the rector of Aynhoe, Northamptonshire. He died, unmarried, in December, 1738. Rev. Wasse is referred to several times in the diary of Thomas Hearne of Oxford University, who, to say the least, was no admirer! "Thinks he knows everything," wrote Mr. Hearne on one occasion. At another time he wrote: "Dr. Bentley speaks very disrespectfully and contemptuously of that vain cock-brain'd Man, Mr. Wasse, of Aynhoe, notwithstanding Wasse crys up Bentley most extravagantly, and says, next to himself, Bentley is the greatest Man in the World." Such persistent criticism causes one to wonder whether Joseph was indeed insufferably conceited or whether Thomas was cherishing a private grudge.

Other English Wasses achieved some distinction during this period. Sir William Musgrave compiled a list of persons who died between 1600 and 1800 who were prominent enough to have additional references where further information may be secured. Ten of our family are included in this list, and while confirmation is lacking we may assume that a creditable average has been maintained since 1800.

The narrative of our family in England awaits elaboration by someone who will take time for the necessary research. Besides the interesting historical features there are voluminous birth, marriage and death registers covering approximately the last four

hundred years. A superficial examination of some of these vital statistics indicates that while the Wasses were especially numerous in certain sections, such as Yorkshire, they were distributed in moderate numbers throughout the country.

While Richard Deane and his associates were making history, and while Christopher Wase and his son were absorbed with their books, some of their countrymen were braving the perils of the Atlantic and conquering the wilderness in America. Wasses were among the early settlers of our country, and we shall now follow them across the sea.

IV
IN AMERICA

One William Wasse played an active part in the prologue to the great drama of the New World. His name has been preserved as one of those who returned safely to England after the first attempt to found a permanent English settlement in America! This was in 1585, thirty-five years before the landing at Plymouth, and the details of this historic expedition should be of interest to our family.

In 1584, under a Charter granted by Queen Elizabeth, of England, Sir Walter Raleigh undertook to explore and colonize America, the primary object being to extend Protestant holdings against Spain. On April 27, 1584, his first expedition sailed from England. It consisted of two barks commanded by Master Philip Amadas and Master Arthur Barlow. They landed at Roanoke Island, off the coast of the present North Carolina, and after preliminary explorations returned to England, arriving about the middle of September, 1584, having named the country Virginia, after the Queen.

On April 9, 1585, seven ships with one hundred and eight men sailed from Plymouth, England, with the intention of establishing a permanent colony. Most of the men were from Devon, and one of them was William Wasse. Sir Richard Grenville, a cousin of Raleigh, was in command and the second in command was Captain Ralph Lane. One of the party was John White, who later became the Governor of the famous "Lost Colony," which sailed from England in 1587. The fleet proceeded via the West Indies, where stops were made, and after cruising along the coast they arrived at Roanoke Island in late July, 1585. Grenville sailed for England August 25, leaving Lane in charge.

A fort and a town were built and local explorations were made. Traces of the fort still are to be seen. The Charter granted by Elizabeth gave Raleigh jurisdiction over an area within six hundred miles from the settlement point, which included all the Atlantic Coast except Maine and part of Florida. Their experiences were not very encouraging, and when Sir Francis Drake arrived the following summer, en route from the West Indies to England, it was decided to have the entire colony return with him. They sailed June 19, 1586, arriving at Portsmouth, England, July 27, 1586. Only four of the original party had died. This is the expedition which is credited with the introduction of Indian corn into England. Some authorities also credit them with the introduction of potatoes and tobacco.

The colony included soldiers, sailors, farm hands and artisans. representing all the useful trades. Probably a large percentage had seen military service. Mr. Conway Whittle Sams, the Virginia historian, says of them:

"These were the men who first undertook to plant the flag of England on the shores of the New World. They braved the dangers of the wilderness with all its savage beasts and still more savage men, who were soon to look upon them with eyes of deadly hatred.

"It was thus truly an heroic band, whose names deserve perpetuation, which, in August, 1585, was left on the sandy shores

of Roanoke Island, to hold that Island and a large part of the continent of North America for Sir Walter Raleigh, against the power of the Indians and against the great world powers of France and Spain."

During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries a number of adventurous, ambitious or restless Wasses came to this country from England, but compared with many other families the number was small. At the time of the first United States Census in 1790 there were in the entire country fewer than 100 people bearing our surname. As sample comparisons, there were at that time nearly 9000 Allens, including more than 1500 heads of families with sixteen different spellings of the name, and over 4300 Campbells, including nearly 800 heads of families with twenty-seven different spellings of the name.

In 1633 a William Was came from England to Virginia in the "Hopewell," under the auspices of one Capt. Adam Thorowgood, who secured a land grant and brought over 105 settlers during a period of several years.

The Swedes had an early settlement on the Delaware River which they called New Sweden. On February 20, 1647, Governor Johan Printz sent a report of the colony events to the Right Honorable West India Company in Old Sweden. Following is an extract from this report:

"In the year 1645, November 25, between ten and eleven o'clock, one Swen Wass, a gunner, set Fort New Gothenburg on fire; in a short time all was lamentably burnt down, and not the least thing saved, except the diary (dairy?). The people escaped naked and destitute."

The Governor goes on to speak of the suffering caused during the ensuing winter and says:

"The above-mentioned incendiary, Swen Wass, I have caused to be brought to court, and to be tried and sentenced; so I have sent him home in irons, with the vessel, accompanied by the whole record concerning him, submissively committing and referring the execution of the verdict to the pleasure of Her Royal Majesty and the Right Honorable Company."

The Governor leaves us guessing as to the exact sentence pronounced against this rascally Wass, but it may well have been death. If the culprit was not insane, one wonders what led him to burn down his own shelter in the wilderness at the beginning of winter.

May 15, 1643, in Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, Oliver Vankeek was granted three hundred acres of land for the importation of five persons from England. One of them was John Wase. In 1651 another John Wase was brought to Northumberland County, Virginia, by Richard Wooten.

By a deed dated August 12, ~~17~~ 1674, Robert Morris of London, mariner, sold Ratcliffe Manor, eight hundred acres in Talbot County, Maryland, to "Henry Wasse, Citizen and Chyrurgeon of London." There is no record that Henry lived on this property.

July 12, 1675, James Wasse, citizen and surgeon of London, received a grant of five thousand acres of land in New Jersey from John Fenwick. Twenty-nine years later, in 1704, a Joseph Wass sailed for America and was appointed as one of four attorneys

or representatives to handle the sale of lands owned by this same James Wasse. James married Mary Woodward, by whom he had a son, James Wasse Jr. The latter also had a son, James, who became an apothecary in Philadelphia and died there. James Wasse Jr. had a second wife, by whom he had a son named Joseph, who died childless, unmarried. An obituary notice in the American Weekly Mercury, of Philadelphia, records the death of a James Wass on June 8, 1727.

"Jno. Wass, of London, clothworker," in 1689 was with three others given title to property in Philadelphia and Chester County, Pennsylvania.

The will of Sebastin Perrin, of Elizabeth City County, Virginia, dated March 5, 1691, refers to his young cousin, William Wass, to be brought up by Captain William Wilson.

The Wasses of those days apparently had their share of adventures. On August 26, 1683, one John Waffe, commander of the ship "Eaglet," arrived in Barbados and told of an exciting encounter with pirates off the Gold Coast of Africa. The interesting story is found in Volume 11 of the British Calendar of State Papers, in the form of a report sent by Deputy Governor Sir John Witham, of Barbados, to Sir Leoline Jenkins, Secretary of State in England.

Captain Waffe, who owned a plantation in Jamaica, was chased by two ships, one of thirty guns and 120 men, the other of twenty-four guns and 70 men. He was boarded by one of them after a long pursuit and robbed of all his gold, nearly five hundred pounds in value, as well as some of his provisions and many of the ship's stores. Witham's report goes on to say:

"They will not own their names, and punished one of Waffe's sailors who asked the pirate captain's name. They stretched Waffe and his officers and put screws on their thumbs to make them confess what gold they had."

In the Journal of the House of Burgesses of Virginia under date of September 15, 1701, there is mention of the claims of a Capt. George Waffe, and in March, 1701/2, this same George Waffe, Captain of Dragoons, was one of the signers of an Address of Loyalty to the King. He was a Militia Officer of Elizabeth City County.

In 1716 a George Waff was a witness to the will of James Burtell, of Hampton, Virginia, and on May 12, 1733, Elias Waff was a witness to the will of Major Robert Beverley, of Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

The family also appears in Virginia, Pennsylvania and North Carolina archives of the period 1750-1800. A George Waff voted at the election of Burgesses for Elizabeth City County, Virginia, July 11, 1758. Also in Virginia is an inventory of the estate of George Waff of Norfolk County, 1763, and of the estate of Rebecca Wass of Brunswick County or Elizabeth City County, 1778.

Adam Wass was a taxpayer in Franconia Township, County of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1769, also on later tax lists, including 1780, when he is shown as a farmer; also in the city of Philadelphia in 1780 and 1782. George Wass is included in the Freemen and Assessors lists of Chester County, Pennsylvania, in 1779, 1780 and 1781. Edward Wass is mentioned in the Assessors list of Chester County for 1781, and Adam, George and Edward all were enrolled in the Chester County or Philadelphia militia in 1781 or later

In North Carolina, several members of a Waff family married in Chowan County in 1764 and 1769 and there is a reference to George Waff of Edenton in this county, who apparently had some connection with the North Carolina Line during the Revolution.

The United States Census of 1790 provides indisputable evidence not only that a comparatively small number of Wasses came here before that date but also that those who did come were not prolific, at least in the male line. The state census figures of 1790 show none bearing our name in New York, Virginia, Maryland, South Carolina or Kentucky. The lists of surnames for Delaware, Georgia, New Jersey and Tennessee were destroyed, probably during the war of 1812. Pennsylvania shows one family, that of George Wass, of Philadelphia, including besides himself two males under sixteen and two females. North Carolina shows only the families of Thomas and William Waff, the former including three males over sixteen, one male under sixteen and two females. The latter was alone.

A Wass family Bible, found in an old bookstand at the corner of Second and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia, contained the following records. Perhaps Joseph Wass and his brother, John, were the sons of the George Wass listed in Philadelphia in 1790:

Joseph Wass, b. April 7, 1777.
Elizabeth Snyder, d. December 8, 1823.
Joseph Wass and Elizabeth Snyder married June 27, 1805.
Joseph Wass and Ann Newell mar. May 15, 1824.
Julia Wass, dau. of Jos. and Elizabeth, b. March 12, 1806.
Elizabeth Wass, dau. of Jos. and Elizabeth, b. March 17,1808.
Catharine Wass, dau. of Jos. and Elizabeth, b. Sept. 26,1810.
Christiana Wass, dau. of Jos. and Eliz., b. March 5, 1814.
Margaret Wass, dau. of Jos. and Eliz., b. Dec. 13, 1816.
Caroline Wass, dau. of Jos. and Eliz., b. Dec. 28, 1820, d. March 18, 1821 (?).
Caroline Wass, b. May 2, 1822, d. June 30, 1826.
Catharine Snyder, mother of Elizabeth Wass, b. 1761.
Christiana, sister of Elizabeth Wass, mar. Thomas Abercrombie. Thomas was b. Feb. 9, 1780, d. August 3, 1816.
Thresa, sister of Eliz. Wass, b. June 29, 1781. She mar. Henry Garson, who was b. Oct. 10, 1776, and d. in Philadelphia August 17, 1824. The Garsons had seven children, who are listed in the Bible.
Mary Snyder, dau. of Ignatius and Catharine, b. Nov.30, 1796.
John Wass, brother of Jos. Wass, b. Nov. 17, 1781.
John Wass m. Edith Eler, April 7, 1804.
The children of John Wass were:
Joseph, b. Feb. 13, 1805,
Henry, b. Feb. 21, 1807 and d. Jan. 16, 1814.
John, d. Jan. 2, 1809.
Julia Wass m. Frederick Eberly, June, 1823.

V
IN COLONIAL NEW ENGLAND

The founders of New England were of humble origin. It has been estimated that of about five thousand heads of families who came from England between 1620 and 1640, less than fifty, or not 1%, are known to have belonged to the upper gentry and less than two hundred and fifty more, or not 5%, can be considered as from the minor mercantile or landed gentry. There was hardly a man of title or high rank.

The first New England Wass of whom we have record was in Charlestown, Massachusetts, now part of Boston, in 1644, but we do not know the date of his arrival. Wasses may have accompanied some of the early English exploring and trading expeditions, but settlers bearing our name were few indeed. It is possible that not more than two Wass families were represented in New England prior to 1790.

In 1644 Martha Coitmore sold some property in Charlestown to John Wass. Here is a copy of the deed:

"Know all men, that martha Coytmor, of Charlestowne, widow, upon due consideration and for Divers Reasons moving mee ther unto have sould and Doe heare by confirme unto John wafe, of charlstowne, his heires and executors for ever, that is one Dweling house and one quarter of an Aker of land, bee it more or les, sitewatte in charlstowne, being bounded by Isack Koall on the north west, and mr John Gwine on the east, and on the south the towne streat, and on the North east the land of James browne, in consideration whear of I Doe Acknolige my selfe fuly satisfied and Doe hear by give up all my Right and intrest unto the foresaid John wafe and his heires for ever.

"wittnes my hand this third day of the tenth moneth, one thousand sixe hundred fourty foure.

Martha Coytemore."

"Wittnes,
Sam Adams
This is a trew Copey of Martha Coytemors Deed of salle to John wafe, and is heare entred out of the originall By mee.

Samuell Adames
Recor."

Katherine Waffe, wife of John, whose maiden name is unknown, was admitted to the First Church in Charlestown July 10, 1644, and John is listed as a resident of the town in 1645.

John and Katherine had at least three children:

1 - John, born 22/7/1645, or September 22 by the modern calendar. In 1666 this young man was a servant to J. Trumbull, but we have no additional information.

2 - Thomas, born 29/9/1646, or November 29, New Style.

3 - Elizabeth, born in 1651. In 1674 she married Andrew Robinson, who was born in 1647. They had five children. Andrew was on the privateer sloop "Mary" in 1696 and "on Capt. Waffe's vessel" in 1702.

In 1670 there was a Wass or Was Street in Charlestown, evidently named for the family.

We have no other definite information about this John Wass. At the Salem quarterly court of November, 1677, a summons dated 28/9/1677 was issued for a "John Wass senior" and others of Wenham, to appear as witnesses, the summons being served by John Black, constable, of Beverly.

Katherine survived her husband and married (2) Abraham Bell. In 1686, the widow Bell, with Thomas Waffe, sold their house in Charlestown to John Phillips. She died August 29, 1692, aged 69.

Thomas Waffe, son of John and Katherine, was born 29/9/1646, or November 29 New Style, and married Alice ..... He sailed in the sloop "Swan" in 1680 and in 1683 was Captain of the "Swan" on a voyage to the Spanish wrecks, with their sunken treasure, the lure of many a venturesome mariner of that day.

On June 20, 1686, a Thomas Warf, perhaps our Captain, became affiliated with the Old South Church, Boston. He is included in a List of Members Under The Baptismal Covenant. The heading reads: "Names of such as have owned ye Covenant & submitted to ye watch of ye Church." This did not include full communion.

In 1688 Thomas is mentioned in connection with Tax Rates of Charlestown under Governor Andros, and that same year he was Captain of the bark "Pelican" on a trip to Jamaica. In 1702 he was Captain of the brigantine "Hannah and Mary." He is the first recorded of a long line of Wass skippers of the New England coast, a section where the nautical title of Captain has been freely bestowed yet always respected, because it was usually earned the hard way. We wish we could paint an adequate word picture of those old time seamen. Their ships were frail but their hearts were stout. When the wind whistled through the rigging, when the spray flew and the vessel creaked and strained and tossed, their skill and courage seldom failed.

Thomas and Alice Waffe had at least four daughters:

1 - Elizabeth, born in 1672. She married (1) Nathaniel Brigden, October 13, 1688. They had five children. As a widow, she was admitted as an inhabitant of Boston July 16, 1705, with Francis Holmes as surety. She married (2) John Cary, January 24, 1706. He died in 1724. She died December 24, 1740, aged 68. No record of any children by the second marriage.

2 - Anne, born 1677. On March 3, 1697/8, she married Caleb Call, son of Ensign John Call. He was baptized August 2, 1670. Anne was admitted to the church January 1, 1720/1. They had fourteen children. Charlestown epitaphs include "Waffe Call," died July 28, 1703. Anne died October 1, 1737, aged 60 years, 3 months and 10 days. Caleb died September 8, 1748.

3 - Joanna, born March 12, 1684/5. On January 9, 1706/7, she married Nicholas Johnson. They had two children who died in infancy. He died October 12, 1710 or 1711, and in 1715 she married (2) Samuel Hill. She married (3) James Kittell, in 1734.

4 - Margaret, baptized at the Old South Church June 20, 1686.

In addition to these daughters, Captain Waffe apparently had at least one son, John, and perhaps other children. The birth records are often incomplete and Thomas may have lived at other places than Boston. He died in Boston in 1723.

We turn now from Thomas the seaman to Thomas the school-master. The name of Thomas Wasse or Wass appears frequently in the early

records of Haverhill, Ipswich and Newbury, Massachusetts. He was hired as the first teacher at Haverhill in 1660. He taught reading and writing and his salary was ten pounds a year, supplemented by whatever he could secure from the parents of his pupils. He taught in Haverhill until 1673 and during the later years the town withdrew the ten pounds payment, presumably because it was deemed that he was receiving a sufficient income from the parents. He later taught in Ipswich and Newbury and died at Newbury August 2, 1691.

Thomas was frequently called upon to be a witness to bonds, deeds, wills and other legal papers. This was appropriate r recognition of a man who could read and write, an accomplishment worth mentioning in those days. At a court held at Ipswich on September 25, 1660, he was a witness in connection with the complaint of one Francis Usselton against Daniel Clarke, innkeeper, "for selling strong liquors and wine without a license and charging excessive prices for same, for selling liquors to Indians, for breach of the peace, for neglect of his duties in his office of constable and for disorder in his house." Thomas testified that he saw Indians drink and buy liquors in Clarke's house. Also, "Thomas Wasse deposed that being resident at Daniel Clarke's house about a month, he saw no disorder in the house by intemperate drinking and told all to be prudent and cautious; that he had further heard him tell Even Morris not to call for any liquors to drink with any that came to his house, but rather to deny the acceptance of 'pledging his guesse' that he might the better avoid disorder and superfluous expenses; that Clarke knew his constitution to be such that a little drink would overcome him and 'exasperate his sperit'."

Clarke was fined and prohibited from keeping an ordinary any longer.

In 1678 Thomas was presented with a parcel of real estate:

"Robert Clement of Haverhill conveys to Mr. Thomas Wasse, my countryman, late school-master in Haverhill, as a reall testimony of my good will and affection, a peece of land fronting upon ye common road in Haverhill, next ye river of Merimack, bounded by a runn of water nearest the land of Mr. John Light, etc., thence towards my present dwelling. April 8, 1678. Wit. John Dole and Daniel Ela. Ack. by Robert Clement and Elizabeth, his wife, April 8, 1678, before Nathll. Saltonstall, commissioner."

In November, 1691, Jonathan Emery and Henry Ackers were appointed to take an inventory of the estate of Thomas Wass and to appraise its value. Following is their report, also the application of John Kent to be appointed Administrator. A few words are missing or are impossible to decipher from the original records:

"The Inventory of the Estate of Mr. Thomas Wass, Schoolmaster who deceased August 2, 1691, at the house of John Kent Senior, in Newbury.

Apprized as mony	£	s.	d.
In Mony	00	09	00
Cloathing	00	10	00
By a Cypher booke & other small things	00	04	00

"Dew to Mr. Thomas Wass from John Kent Senior for teaching his children

s.	d.
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"Also there was owing unto John Kent Senior by the said Mr. Thomas Wass a Bill of forty-two pounds money payable two years after ye date of said Bill which was June 19, 1691.

"Dew from Mr. Thomas Wass his estate to John Kent Senior

		s.	d.
For nine weeks ..... & attendants and chamber money	2	05	0
For ye charge of his Funerall	04	00	00

"To the Honourd. County Court now sitting in Ipswich September 29, 1691.

"This petition of John Kent Senior of Newbury Humbly sheweth

"That considering the great trouble & charges that ye petitioner hath sustained by the sd. Mr. Thomas Wass his dying in our house & his being considerably in my debt as may appeer; & also his committing .... of .... Bill which is ye most .... considerable pt. of his estate (as do .... appeer) into my hands-

"You would be pleased to grant Letters of Administration (?) unto your petitioner upon said estate if in your wisdom you so cause, otherwise that some way may be found & your petitioner may be paid his .... Dews from ye said estate.

"Your Humble petitioner

John Kent, Sr."

The total cash value of the personal possessions of Thomas Wass at the time of his death was the pitifully small amount of twenty-three shillings, but Mr. Kent's petition makes it clear that there were other assets, such as money due him or held in trust for him, and perhaps some real estate. The following petition of Samuel Rogers, supported by the testimonies of his two daughters, throws some light on the subject. Here again a number of words are missing, due to inability to decipher the ancient penmanship:

"Petition of Samuel Rogers.

"To the honorable County Court to be holden at Salem ye 24th of November, 1691.

"The Humble Petition & .... of Samuel Rogers of Ipswich Showeth That Whereas Mr. Thomas Wass Late Schoolmaster of Chobacco of Ipswich is deceased, & having left no written Will for ye Disposall of his effects (?) left by him and whereas there is

Claims Laid to ye Same (?) by some others besides my self which I humbly Conceive (?) have not so much right to ye Same as I have (& will be made manifest by sufficient evidence;) My humble request to your honours is that in case any motion be made as to an order of settlement of said estate upon any one besides my self, that it may be deferred untill next Ipswich Court, when I hope I shall make good my Challenge to ye Court's Sattisfaction. The reason Why I make bold to crave such a favour at this time is Because of my .... Infirmity of body at this time incapable of so far a journey; besides ye Hazzard of sickness .... which your honours I hope will please to consider & grant my Request in this matter & by so doing it will oblige me as in Duty bound for ever to pray for your .... & prosperty and am your honors humble Servant.

Samuell Rogers.

Ipswich 9-23; 1691."

"The Testimonies of Mary Rogers aged about 19 years & Margaret Rogers aged about 16 years, both jointly - that Thomas Wass sometime schoolmaster of Chobacco in Ipswich, now deceased, being at our father's house sometime about ye 18th day of June last past, he then & there did declare ye Great Regard & kindness he had for our family & said that our father & mother was ye best friends he had in New England & having a .... of money & he being a Transient ..... perforce would leave ye money with our father, only taking an obligation of our father, that ye money should be returned to him with twelve pence upon ye pound as .... will more fully appear, & he did also say that there was severall gentlemen .... have had it & given bond, & it might do our father & mother a kindness for if he dyed without a Will it should be theirs for ever."

There is an old saying which refers slightingly to those who "rob Peter to pay Paul." Thomas seems to have varied this by borrowing from John to lend to Samuel!

Litigation regarding the estate of Thomas Wass continued for some time after his ddath and involved others besides the Kent and Rogers families. Apparently he left no will, but had indulged in the amiable weakness of promising or hinting to several acquaintances that he would make them his heirs.

There is no evidence that this Thomas Wass was in any way connected with the contemporary Charlestown and Boston Wass family, or that he had any relatives in America. It seems probable that he was born in England and came to this country as a bachelor or a widower.

So each Thomas played his modest part in the early history of New England; one as a mariner braving the perils of the ocean and making interesting and perhaps exciting voyages to strange ports; the other in the quiet and respected calling of schoolmaster in frontier communities.

When the first United States Census was taken in 1790, not a single Wass was living in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont or Rhode Island. In Maine there were eighteen, all at Addison or Columbia, on Pleasant River, and in Connecticut one family of nine.

VI
JOHN WASS OF BOSTON

It is practically certain that this John Wass was the son of Thomas Wass, the sea-captain, and grandson of the John Wass who was in Charlestown in 1644. Dr. Banks refers to him as the son of Thomas who was the son of John, and "The Compendium of American Genealogy," edited by Frederick Adams Virkus, also shows Thomas and John Wass as the ancestors of John and his son, Wilmot Wass. No other particulars are given by these authorities, but evidently they are referring to American rather than English ancestry.

Wyman says that Thomas, the sea-captain, died May 12, 1723. Rev. William Cooper, of the Brattle Street Church, Boston, made the following memorandum in his interleaved Almanac for September 23, 1723: - "At the burial of Mr. Wass's father." We know of only one Wass family in Boston at this time and as a John Wass was admitted to the same church a few years later it is reasonable to assume that he was the "Mr. Wass" referred to by Rev. Cooper. Wyman and Cooper do not agree exactly on dates, but it is very improbable that they are referring to different persons.

We do not know the date or place of birth of John Wass or anything of his life prior to 1712. Apparently he had a daughter, Sarah, either by Ann Wilmot or perhaps by a previous marriage. We are certain that in Boston in February, 1711/2, he and his wife, Ann (Wilmot) Wass, became the parents of a son who was given his mother's maiden name. Ann was born in 1671 or late in 1670, and was a daughter of Richard Wilmot, but we do not know the date of her marriage or anything definite about her family except that her father lived at Falmouth (Portland) from 1717 to 1722. There were numerous Wilmot families in New England before 1700, most of them in Connecticut, but we are not sure that Ann was connected with any of them. Volume 3 of York (Maine) Deeds records that "Nicholas Willmott" was a witness to the will of Robert Knight, of York, June 23, 1676. Perhaps he was a relative. Another Ann Wilmot is mentioned by Savage in his Genealogical Dictionary, which gives particulars of the will of Nicholas Wilmot, of Boston, dated September 27, 1684, providing for his wife and several children, including "the youngest, Ann, at home." This may have been the same Nicholas who witnessed the York deed. Savage also includes "John Wilmot, in Boston, 1662. Probably died in 1670. Left a child under age."

On July 21, 1712, six months after the birth of his son, John Wass was admitted by the Selectmen as a citizen of Boston, with Benjamin Johns and Jonathan Wardel as security.

John was an innkeeper. We know nothing of his character or habits but it is only fair to emphasize that in his day his business was highly respectable, with no social stigma attached to the words inn or tavern. It was a popular vocation. In 1714, for example, Boston with a population of about 10,000, had thirty-two innholders.

During the period 1712-1717, John kept an inn at least part of the time. One year he occupied the "Lieut. Governor's House on ye Long Wharfe." Several times his "petition for Lycence to Sell Strong drink as Innholder was disallowed by ye Sel. men." Amusingly

suggestive of modern politics is the fact that in such cases the Selectmen sometimes reconsidered within a few weeks and issued the "Lycence"! It probably was during a later period that John was proprietor of the well known Golden Ball Tavern, situated at the northwest corner of Merchants Row and Corn Court, near the town dock.

In the Selectmen's Minutes of August 21, 1716, is the following entry:- "Wm. Speakman, bread maker, sayes he came from England into this town about five months since, and that his lodging hath been at ye home of Mr. John Wass. The Sel. Men do now warn him to depart out of this town within ye space of fourteen days next ensuing." This action is not to be interpreted as a reflection on Mr. Speakman's character, and he became a fairly prominent citizen of Boston. The historian of a Massachusetts town explains these "warnings" as follows:

"Warning out" was practiced by the towns of Massachusetts from the very earliest settlement. Persons who were thus summarily ordered to depart were not, as might appear, a pauper or indigent class. A decree went forth at the very beginning of the Colony that all persons coming into a town should receive a "Warning," lest they gain a settlement and thereby make the town liable for their support. Such laws continued in effect until the passage of the Settlement Act in 1793. At first the law required that they be warned within three months after arrival, but later twelve months were allowed. In the early days of the Colony the towns were poor, and were obliged to guard against the slightest additional burden which might be thrust upon them should any of the newcomers become town charges. Once warned out, the town could not be held responsible."

In 1717 John and his father-in-law, Richard Wilmot, were among the first fifteen settlers who reoccupied Casco (later Falmouth, still later, Portland) after it had been destroyed by the Indians several years earlier. They built their houses on Queen Street, now Congress Street, near the entrance of Wilmot Street, the latter taking its name from the family. The property included about four acres, and if you visit Portland today you will find Wilmot Street leading off Congress Street a short distance east of the City Hall.

In June, 1718, John and Richard were among the fifty-five men who petitioned Governor Samuel Shute and the General Court of the Province of Massachusetts Bay regarding incorporation and the establishment of the boundary lines of Falmouth. On March 10, 1718/9, John was elected one of the Selectmen.

The York Deeds record that on September 1 and 8, 1719, Benjamin and Mary Skillen, of Marblehead, Mass., and Edmund and Elizabeth Clark, of Falmouth, conveyed to John Wass the one hundred acre farm on the Back Cove, at Falmouth, formerly belonging to Thomas Skillen, father of Benjamin. February 13, 1721/2, Richard Wilmot, of Falmouth, conveyed three acres of land to Benjamin Ingersoll, of Falmouth. The amount paid was two pounds ten shillings. Signed, "Richard Wellmott his mark X (Seal.)" On March 9, 1721/2, the Town of Falmouth granted to Richard Jones thirty acres on Back Cove "now in ye Possession of Mr. John Wass."

October 10, 1726, John and Ann Wass of Boston conveyed to Isaac Sawyer of Gloucester the one hundred acre Back Cove farm formerly owned by Thomas Skillen, also the Queen Street homestead on Falmouth Neck, with a house and barn. The amount paid was two hundred and forty pounds. The deed refers to John as the heir of Richard Wilmot, "late of Falmouth." Sawyer went from Cape Ann to Falmouth in 1725 and died at the latter place February 13, 1772, aged 92. October 9, 1733, the deed of Isaac Sawyer, of Falmouth, conveyed the former Wass-Wilmot property to Samuel Waldo, of Boston. This deed mentions that the property came to John Wass partly through a grant by the Town of Falmouth and partly descending to him and Ann, his wife, "as she was Daughter & Heir to Richard Wilmott late of Falmouth aforesaid."

In 1722 John was back in Boston and again received an innholder's license.

In 1723 the Indians again were threatening at Falmouth and soldiers were stationed at three garrisons, including the Wass house. "Mr. Wass's father" died that same year.

In the spring of 1728 Rev. William Cooper made the following entry in his Interleaved Almanac: - "Admissions to full communion since the Earthquake October 29, 1727." There is a long list of names for the period November to April, inclusive, and among them - "January 7, 1727/8 - John Wass." One wonders whether Rev. Cooper indulged in a chuckle or two as he penned the above heading. The unusually large influx of communicants that winter suggests that possibly the earthquake may have been a real help to the good minister in his efforts to turn the thoughts of Bostonians from things temporal to things eternal!

Mrs. Ann (Wilmot) Wass died November 11, 1735, at the age of 64, and is buried in the Granary Burying Ground, Tremont Street, Boston. The burial place is near the center of this famous old cemetery, three rows east of the Franklin monument. The well preserved stone bears the inscription "Mrs. Ann, wife to Mr. John Wass," followed by the date of death and her age. "The Crooked and Narrow Streets of Boston" gives the date of her death as November 14.

December 27, 1736, John was married in Boston to Mrs. Elizabeth Slaughter, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Thomas Foxcroft. This lady's maiden name was Elizabeth Bradstreet, and her first husband was John Slaughter, whom she married in 1711. On September 21, 1751, Elizabeth made a third marriage, this time to Rev. Eliphalet Adams, of New London, Connecticut. The ceremony was performed in Boston by Rev. Mather Byles. Mr. Adams, who also had been married previously, graduated from Harvard College in the class of 1694, was Assistant Pastor of Brattle Street Church from June, 1701, to August, 1703, and settled in New London in 1709.

In August, 1738, John Wass resided on Orange Street. He died near the end of August, 1741, as his will was filed September 1, 1741, and still is preserved in the vaults of the Old Suffolk County Court House. This interesting document evidently was prepared by his lawyer but bears John's own labored signature, the writing indicating illness, weakness due to age, unfamiliarity with the pen, or perhaps a combination of all three. His burial place is unknown.

"Mr. John Wass his last Will, filed Sept. 1st, 1741.
Mr. John Wass's Last Will & Testament."

"In the name of God Amen this First Day of June Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty one I John Wass of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England of late Innholder being Aged and Infirm & therefore not knowing how soon God may call for me and being willing to Order and Dispose of what I have before I dyd Do therefore make and Ordain this to be my Last will and Testament: I resign my Soul into the hands of God who gave it me & hope for Mercy thro' our Lord Jesus Christ & my Body I Comit to ye Earth to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith God hath been pleased to bless me with in this Life, after my Debts and funeral Charges are paid & Defrayed, I give Devise and bequeath of the Same in the following manner and form, Viz. I Give and bequeath to my well loved wife Elizabeth Wass three hundred pounds in Province Bills to be paid her after my Decease and also my negro woman named Moll, and also all her Goods Chattels Estate & Effects that she brought with her to me, also I give her, her Living in my House for two Years after my decease, and the use of all my Household Goods & Plate for that Time. After the two years are Expired then I give all my Plate to my son Willmott Wass and two thirds of my Household Goods, and the other Third I give to my said wife, Also I give her the Use of one third of my House during her natural Life. Item I give to my Granddaughter Mary Speakman Five hundred pounds in Province Bills out of my Estate. Item, all the Rest of my Estate, that is two thirds of my House after the two years is Expired, and the other third after my wife's decease I give to my Son aforesaid Willmott Wass during his Life & then to be Equally divided between his Children & to their Heirs & assigns forever. Also all the Rest of my Estate that is my Plate as aforesaid and my two thirds of my Household Goods, and all my Money in my House, all due to me by Bill, Bond or otherwise and all other things whatsoever as well what is mentioned as what is not I give to my said son Willmott Wass & to his Heirs and assigns forever. and of this my Last Will and Testament I make ordain & appoint my said son Willmott Wass, my very good friend Mr. William Speakman & my grandson Thos. Speakman the Executors hereby making all other Wills Bequests & Executors null & void & appoint this & none other to be my Last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day & year in these presents before written.

Signed Sealed & delivered, published pronounced & declared by the said Testator John Wass to be his Last Will & Testament in presence of us

John Wass

Zh. Johonnott Thos. Clark Owen Harris	Suffolk ss By the Honoble. Josiah Willard Judge of Probate.

The foregoing will being presented for Probate by the Executors therein named Zachariah Johonnot, Thomas Clark and Owen Harris made oath that they saw John Wass the Subscriber to this Instrument Sign & Seal & heard him publish and declare the Same to be his last Will & Testament, and that when he so did he was of sound disposing mind & memory according to these Deponents best discerning and that they set to their hands as witnesses thereof in the presence of the said Testator.

Boston, Sept. 8, 1741." J. Willard.

The following was copied in 1954 from papers collected by one Andrew Hawes and on file at the Maine Historical Society, Portland:

"Call for town meeting to be held at ye house of Mr. John Wass, Innholder, on Tuesday ye 10th instant at ten of ye clock in ye forenoon for to make choice of suitable officers for ye .... affairs of ye town, viz: Selectmen, town Clerk, Constable and other officers as may be thought needful," etc.

"Signed by Samuel Moody, Justice of the Peace, Falmouth, March 7, 1718."

VII
WILMOT WASS AND HIS CHILDREN

Wilmot Wass, son of John and Ann (Wilmot) Wass, was born in Boston February 9, 1711/2, and was baptized at the Second (Old North) Church on February 10.

America still was a wilderness. The English settlers clung doggedly to their narrow fringe along the Atlantic coast, but few had ventured far from tidewater. Queen Anne, last of the Stuarts, reigned in England and the eleven years war bearing her name still was in progress. There were about ten thousand people in the great town of Boston, largest in the Colonies, but the frontier was only fifty to a hundred miles distant and beyond the long, wavering line of tiny outposts the vast forests stretched away for hundreds of miles to the Canadian border. From that great black, enveloping cloud along the northern horizon the French and Indians struck frequently and with the swiftness of lightning. Less than three years before Wilmot's birth about fifty people had been massacred at Haverhill, only thirty-five miles from Boston.

In 1717, when Wilmot was five, his father established a home at Portland and remained there for several years, perhaps until 1722. We assume that his family was with him during that period.

As a young man Wilmot followed the occupation of brazier, and later became active in business affairs, but we have few details of his career.

It would be interesting to know how the Boston young man met the Martha's Vineyard girl who became his wife. At any rate, the Marriage Intentions of Wilmot Wass and Rebecca Allen, of Chilmark, were published in Boston February 8, 1732/3. They were married at Chilmark March 22, 1732/3, by her grandfather, Rev. William Homes. The bride had just passed her sixteenth birthday, having been born at Chilmark February 26, 1716/7, with a twin sister, Katherine. They were the first two of the thirteen children born to John and Margaret (Homes) Allen.

Wilmot's name appears in a list of nearly two hundred Boston business men who signed an agreement March 25, 1735, not to accept notes which were being issued by New Hampshire merchants. About 1737 the young couple went to West Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard, where they resided for thirty years. During this time Wilmot became a leading citizen, occupying positions of trust. He was Deputy Sheriff from 1743 to 1745 and Collector of Excise in 1759. Besides his occupation as brazier he conducted a trading business. He was an innholder at West Tisbury from 1739 to 1752. In 1757 he belonged to the Tisbury "Alarm List." This was a militia organization ready to respond to any alarm sent out by their Colonel. George and Whitton Manter were fellow members of this "Alarm" Company. 183 years later, Wilmot's descendant in the eighth generation married a descendant of the Martha's Vineyard Manters, and the ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Rev. George E. Manter!

In 1767, when Wilmot was 55 and his wife 50, they made what seems a rather strange and radical move. They went to Pleasant River among the first settlers of what is now Addison, Washington

County, Maine. Some say they did not go directly to Addison, but stopped for awhile at Portland or vicinity. This is quite possible, as one of their sons had married a Portland girl and perhaps was living there when his parents left Martha's Vineyard.

What induced this well established couple in middle life to leave their home, relatives and friends for the hardships and solitude of the Eastern wilderness? A number of Vineyard families moved to Pleasant River about this time, apparently drawn by the abundance of fish and lumber, with plenty of coarse hay to be secured from the salt marshes. These families probably influenced our couple, and perhaps their sons were eager for the move. Wilmot was a trader, probably was familiar with much of the New England coast, and may have considered that this new section offered favorable business opportunities. With them went three of their sons, Wilmot II, David M. and John, young men of 27, 23 and 21, also at least two young daughters, Elizabeth ("Betsey") and Jane, then ten and six, respectively.

Eastern Maine then was a primative and isolated region. Probably not more than one English family settled east of the Penobscot River before 1760. The first thin trickle of permanent settlers was reaching the Washington County coast. Transportation was by water, supplemented in some places by paths through the woods. Maine was part of Massachusetts, which was a British Province. Indian fights and massacres were a fresh memory throughout New England. Only twelve years had elapsed since Braddock's defeat and only eight years since Montcalm and Wolfe had fallen at Quebec. Canada had recently passed from France to England. George Washington was a Virginia planter. George III reigned in England. The Colonies were at the beginning of the series of events which led to the Revolution and British troops would arrive at Boston the next year.

We may picture the Wilmot Wass family looking out eagerly from the deck of some small vessel, as they approached their destination across the beautiful bays at the mouths of the Narraguagus, Harrington and Pleasant Rivers. It probably was during the summer season, and the traveler approaching that coast today finds comparatively little change in the general aspect. Now as then, heavily wooded islands rise above the sparkling waters and the dark, evergreen forests of the mainland stretch away as far as the eye can see. Then as now, the surf washed ceaselessly upon the rocky shores and flocks of seabirds passed with airplane speed. Now as ever, the fog silently steals in from the sea, blotting out the headlands, outlining wraithlike forms against the dark woods and reaching with tentative ghostly fingers up the bays and inlets.

The family built their new home in the section of South Addison now known locally as Cape Split, overlooking the mouth of Pleasant River and the ocean. Some of their descendants are there today. The site of the homestead is marked by a few slight depressions in a field near the highway. Close at hand is the old burial ground, so overgrown with briars and bushes that it is hard to find even the few remaining stones.

Wilmot also acquired a tract of marsh and upland several miles from the ocean on the west side of the river. Four of his

children settled in Addison and adjoining towns and their numerous descendants are related to a large percentage of the older West Washington County families.

Rebecca Allen Wass died May 29, 1790, at the age of 73. Wilmot was then living. We do not know the date of his death, but it was prior to June 2, 1794. We have no record that either of them ever returned to Martha's Vineyard, and probably they both lie in the old cemetery, though there is nothing to mark the exact spot.

Wilmot and Rebecca were the parents of twelve children, born between June, 1734, and August, 1761. One son died in infancy, and the record regarding one daughter is obscure. Their children:

1 - ANNE. Born in Boston and baptized at the Brattle Street Church June 2, 1734. On October 12, 1752, she married Samuel Smith, "gentleman" of Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard. He was a son of Samuel and Catherine (Homes) Smith, was born in June, 1728, and died October 25, 1796. His mother was a sister of the Margaret Homes who married John Allen and became Anne's grandmother.

Samuel and Anne had four children (SURNAME SMITH): (1) Samuel, born 1760, married Love Pease August 28, 1783, and died August 10, 1838; (2) Ann, born March 7, 1762, married Rev. Joseph Thaxter July 24, 1803, and died April 19, 1821; (3) Wilmot, born February 7, 1765, died April 1, 1852, unmarried; (4) Rebecca, born 1767, married William Butler September 13, 1792, and died July 27, 1832.

Anne (Wass) Smith died at Edgartown March 5, 1803. The following memorandum appears opposite her name in the obituary records: "A woman of distinguished piety."

2 - MARGARET. Born in Boston and baptized at the church in Brattle Square February 8, 1735/6, by Rev. Cooper. On November 17, 1757, she married Paine Mayhew, farmer, of Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, a son of Thomas and Lydia (Lothrop) Mayhew. Paine and Margaret moved from Martha's Vineyard to Chesterfield, Massachusetts, then, about 1782, to Williamsburg, Massachusetts, and finally to Charlemont, Massachusetts. They had ten children, three of whom were Revolutionary soldiers. They both died in 1818 and are buried in the Village Cemetery at Charlemont. Children, (SURNAME MAYHEW): (1) Freeborn, born August 23, 1758, residence Goshen and Charlemont. He served in the Revolutionary War and later in the militia; married Hannah Skiff and had five children, including one named Homes. Freeborn died July 4, 1824; (2) Constant, born October 17, 1759, Was a Revolutionary soldier in 1778. He married, but wife's name is unknown; residence, Williamsburg; died December 7, 1827; (3) William, born January 13, 1761; married Susanna Strong; (4) Wilmot, born August 11, 1762; (5) Arnold, born October 31, 1763, residence Williamsburg. Was a Revolutionary soldier. Married Jerusha White January 6, 1789, had two children and died April 6, 1830; (6) Lothrop, born July 31, 1765, residence Williamsburg, married

Elizabeth Gilson (?); (7) Thomas, born November 12, 1767; (8) Lydia, twin with Thomas, married Shubael Hillman; (9) Freelove, born November 29, 1769; (10) Peggy, born January 30, 1772.

3 - SARAH. Born January 24, 1737/8, probably at West Tisbury. Before April 28, 1755, she married Samuel Osborn, carpenter, of Tisbury, born about 1732, son of Samuel and Keziah (Butler) Osborn. Between 1758 and 1761 Osborn sold out his Tisbury and Edgartown property and left the island. The subsequent movements of the Osborns have not been completely traced, but apparently they spent some time in Maine and New Brunswick and eventually settled in King's County, Nova Scotia. They had at least two daughters and one son, and perhaps other children.

In 1762 a Samuel Osborn, then living at the present Castine, Maine, was one of seventy-five petitioners for a township to be located east of Castine. This petition was addressed to Francis Bernard, Governor of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, and the petitioners stated that they had been soldiers at Fort Pownall. The same year they were granted a six mile square tract for the new township, to be located between the Penobscot and the St. Croix Rivers, from unappropriated land. That same year the name of Samuel Osborn appears in a list of petitioners for a grant of land at Sandy Point, Maine. We are not certain that this petitioner was the Martha's Vineyard Samuel, but it is quite possible. It also is reasonable to assume that the Samuel Osborn who owned land on Pleasant River a little later was the son-in-law of Wilmot Wass. At any rate, the records of Lincoln County (Maine) Deeds show that on September 7, 1773, "Samuel Osborn, of a place called Pleasant River, Eastward of Younan (Union) River, Housewright," transferred to William Bucknam, of Falmouth, "Gentleman," for sixty-six pounds, thirteen shillings, four pence, "Land in Pleasant River on the Westerly side of said River, a little waes below the Crotch of said River and bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the S. E. Corner of a sixty Acre lot called John Feney's (Teney) lot, adjoining said River so in wedth down said River one hundred and twenty rods or tel it meets with Moses Plumer's Sixty Acre lot he now dwells on, thence adjoining said Plumer's Lot from the River west, and said Feney's lot, West with the Woods, till it makes up 120 Acres."

Nova Scotia historians have something to say about the Osborn family, and there seems no doubt about their identity, as it is mentioned that they came from Martha's Vineyard. On November 24, 1774, Sarah Osborn, daughter of Samuel and Sarah, married Charles Skinner at Passamaquoddy (either in Maine or New Brunswick.) In 1777, Ann Osborn, sister of Sarah Jr., married William Allen Chipman in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia. The bride's residence was given as St. John, New Brunswick. June 17, 1800, Wilmot Osborn, a brother of Sarah and Ann, married Lydia Kinsman at Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, and on March 7, 1810, he married his second wife, Sarah Masters, by whom he had eight children.

About 1790, Handley Chipman, father of William Allen Chipman, wrote a history of his family. In it he refers to the fact that his son married a granddaughter of Wilmot Wass. Handley Chipman was born in 1717 and lived at Newport, Rhode Island, and Cornwallis, Nova Scotia. He married (1) on April 24, 1740, Jane Allen, daughter of John Allen and a sister of the Rebecca who married Wilmot Wass. They had eight children, including William Allen Chipman, who was born November 8, 1757. Jane died in April, 1775, and Handley married (2) Nancy Post. There were six children from the second union. He died in 1799.

4 - WILMOT JR.,OR WILMOT II. This oldest son of Wilmot and Rebecca was born in 1740. We have very few details of his life. Perhaps as a result of his father's trading business or because he became a mariner, he met Lucy Strout and married her at Falmouth (Portland,) May 8, 1762. She probably was the daughter of Christopher Strout II. Wilmot II and his family accompanied his parents to Pleasant River. His children by this first wife were Wilmot III, Christopher, William, James, John, Lucy and Mary. ~~Polly~~. He married (2) Rebecca Jordan, probably the daughter of Ebenezer and Rebecca (Brown) Jordan, who settled in the Mill River section of Harrington, Maine. Children by the second marriage were Joseph, David, Anna, Daniel, Stillman, Rebecca and Betsey.

A list of forty-four settlers who had lots in Addison in 1794 refers to him as "Capt. Wilmot Wass, heir of Wilmot Wass, deceased." We have no record of the death or burial place of Wilmot II or his first wife, but Rebecca (Jordan) Wass died December 12, 1837, aged 78, and is buried in the Hill Cemetery at Addison.

The name of the second Wilmot Wass does not appear on the roll of Revolutionary soldiers, perhaps because he was thirty-five when the war began and was raising a large family, but his very numerous descendants have proof that he was on the patriot side. The records of the British Vice-Admiralty Court at Halifax, Nova Scotia, dealing with the condemnation of prizes taken during the war, include the following entry:

"Good Intent, schr. Willmot Wass, master, condemned Feb. 22, 1780 as lawful prize to the captors, H.M.S. Albany."

It is reasonable to assume that this unlucky skipper was Wilmot II rather than his sixty-eight year old father. The British blockade seriously interrupted the normal coast traffic, causing some of the small eastern settlements to suffer real hardships because of a shortage of the necessities of life, and Captain Wilmot may have been trying to run the blockade to bring in much needed supplies.

5 - JOHN. Born 1742,died 1744.

6 - DAVID MOORE. Born in 1744 and named after the husband of his mother's twin sister, Katherine (Allen) Moore, who was married August 3, 1738 . He went to Maine with his parents and

there married Abigail Nash, born in 1757, daughter of Joseph and Susannah (Shaw) Nash. They settled at Columbia, Maine, on land later occupied by H. N. Bridgham. Their children were Rebecca, Aaron, Susanna, Margaret and Levi. David's occupation probably was that of a farmer. He served in the Revolution, and the following is a copy of his record:

"Sergeant in Capt. John Hall's detachment engaged June 24, 1777, discharged June 30, 1777; service six days, detachment drafted from militia for service at Machias. Also Capt. John Hall's detachment Sept. 26, 1777, to Sept. 29, 1777; service four days at Machias when British ships lay in that harbor. Also in Capt. John Hall's company of Col. Benjamin Foster's (Lincoln County) regiment, service from August 7, 1779, to Sept. 7, 1779, one month. Company marched on expedition to Majorbagaduce (Castine) August 7, 1779, by order of Gen. Lovell."

David and his wife are buried at Columbia, and the tombstone inscription reads as follows: "Dea David Wass. Died Jan. 29, 1827 age 73 years. - Abigail his wife. Died April 9, 1847, age 90 years." Note that the cemetery inscription indicates that David was born in 1753 or 1754, but the careful historian, Dr. Banks, gives the date as 1744, and this is more likely to be correct, as Banks made an exhaustive study of Martha's Vineyard records, and tombstone inscriptions are sometimes incomplete and incorrect. Curiously enough, neither date conflicts with the birth dates of his brothers and sisters, his Revolutionary service or the birth dates of his own children.

7 - JOHN. Born in 1746. Apparently he went to Maine with his parents in 1767 and took title to some land just above his father's property, but he did not stay long. It looks as though he could not forget the girl he had left behind him, as he returned to Martha's Vineyard and about 1768 married Catherine Norton, who was born October 20, 1744, second of the ten children of Solomon and Deborah (Smith) Norton, of Edgartown. Solomon was a farmer, and served as sergeant of militia in 1757. He removed to Hebron, Tolland County, Connecticut, about 1771, and died there February 28, 1812, at the age of ninety-six.

John and Catherine evidently made their home at Edgartown, as it is recorded that "a child of John Wass" was buried in that town May 5, 1774. About 1775 they followed Catherine's father to Hebron. John apparently was a trader and probably a farmer. At a meeting on July 15, 1777, of the Governor and Council of Safety of Connecticut, a permit was given him to purchase and export to Martha's Vineyard a small boatload of provisions and flax for the use of the Vineyard inhabitants. A similar meeting at Hartford August 3, 1781 "Granted a permit to Jno. Wass of Hebron to export by water from this state to the island of Nantuckett 300 bushells of indian corn, 20 bbls. of flour, 2 bbls. pork, 300 lb. cheese, 300 lb. flax and there dispose of said articles and bring back the avails in hard money and salt." When the United States census of 1790 was taken, the family was still living at Hebron and consisted, including the parents, of one male over sixteen, two males under sixteen and six females. Some time

later John moved to Washington County, New York, where he died.

At some period of the Revolution a John Wass served as an enlisted man in the Third Regiment of the New York Line, of the regular Continental Army. The commanders of this regiment were Col. James Clinton and Col. Peter Gansevort. While we have no proof, it is possible that this was our John, of Hebron, and perhaps his eventual removal to New York was connected with a military service.

John and Catherine had the following children:

(1) Anna, born December 29, 1769, married December, 1794 Alvin Griswold, of Benson, Vermont, who was born October 24, 1768, d. October 9, 1827. Their great-great grandson, Dwight Palmer Griswold, was elected Governor of Nebraska in 1940, 1942 and 1944. (2) Wilmot, born May 12, 1771, died at Edgartown in 1774; (3) Deborah, born January 12, 1775, d. July 3, 1860 married on February 17, 1793, Rufus Griswold, born March 8, 1773, d. Aug. 1, 1862 and brother of Alvin; (4) Rebecca, born February 8, 1777, married Asa Willey January 1, 1798; (5) Elizabeth, born August 20, 1778, married Apollos Rolls; (6) Mary, born June 25, 1780; (7) John, born February 3, 1783; (8) Allen, born April 8, 1787.

Did the two youngest children, John and Allen, reach adult age, and if so, what became of them?

8 - HOMES. Born in 1748. We have little information about his comparatively short life. At Edgartown October 20, 1768, he married Sarah Mayhew, of Nantucket. She was born October 7, 1750, a daughter of Matthew and Phebe (Manning) Mayhew. They had two children: William, born 1769, died in Virginia in April, 1794; Homes Jr., born in 1771. The senior Homes died before 1777 and his widow married Jonathan Pease at Edgartown January 19, 1777. She died November 1, 1810. Homes Jr. married Polly Newell, of Boston, in the Brattle Square Church, Boston, on July 7, 1796. They lived at Edgartown, but he was lost at sea November 2, 1797.

9 - MARY. She was born October 10, 1752, married John Coffin, of Edgartown, mariner, October 29, 1772, and died March 12, 1836. He was a son of John and Hepzibah (Lambert) Coffin, was born March 3, 1746/7, and died July 1, 1819. Children, (SURNAME COFFIN): (1) Rebecca, born June 4, 1774, married William Jernegan January 31, 1830; (2) David, born July 9, 1776, married Eunice Prebble January 15, 1823; (3) Uriah, born April 8, 1778, married first, Susan Nye in 1805, and second, Abigail Cooke February 14, 1830; (4) Holmes (probably Homes), born Sept. 20, 1780, married Lydia Russell; (5) John, born January 21, 1783, married Harriet Baylies Sept. 20, 1821; (6) Mary, born July 31, 1786, married William Nash September 2, 1805; (7) Wilmot, born November 27, 1788, died September 22, 1830, unmarried; (8) Jared, born August 15, 1790, married Sarah Baylies January 14, 1819.

10 - ELIZABETH ("BETSEY.") Born September 13, 1757. Accompanied her parents to Maine. On September 24, 1773, she married Joseph Nash Jr., son of Joseph and Susannah (Shaw) Nash. He was born at Braintree, Massachusetts, July 14, 1750. Children, (SURNAME NASH): (1) Holmes (probably Homes), born August 9, 1774, married Mary Drisko September 26, 1796; (2) Joseph, born December 2, 1775, married Lydia Noonan; (3) William, born May 21, 1780, married his cousin, Mary Coffin, September 2, 1805.

Elizabeth (Wass) Nash died September 23, 1844, and her husband died April 15, 1839. They are buried in the Hill Cemetery at Addison, and here again the cemetery dates conflict with the birth dates given by Dr. Banks, as on the tombstones Elizabeth's age is shown as 85 and Joseph's as 90.

11 - REBECCA. Baptized November 30, 1760. This record by the Martha's Vineyard historian is the only definite information we have about this daughter. Judge Milliken, of Cherryfield, Maine, in writing about the coming of Wilmot Wass and family to Pleasant River, refers to daughters "Jane and Betsey and one who married a Chipman at St. Stephen." That "one" would be Rebecca, but there are no other particulars and it is possible that he may have confused her with Wilmot's granddaughter, Ann Osborn, who married William Allen Chipman. Volume 1 of the Bangor Historical Magazine adds to the uncertainty. It presents a list of families residing on Pleasant River in April, 1778, with the number in each family. In this list are "Wilmot Wass, 3-4," and "Wilmot Wass Jr., 8." At that time Elizabeth certainly and David probably had married and presumably both of them had left home. This would leave only Wilmot, his wife and Jane and if there were four people the other one would be Rebecca.

Did Rebecca live to accompany the family to Maine, and if so, what became of her?

12 - JANE. Born August 18, 1761. She accompanied her parents to Maine and at Machias, January 18, 1780, married Matthew Coffin, son of Richard and Mary (Cook) Coffin. He was born at Edgartown about 1756. They settled at Columbia on land adjoining the home of her brother, David. Their twelve children, (SURNAME COFFIN): (1) Matthew, born 1781, married Lydia Whitten in 1801; (2) Richard, born about 1783, married Hannah Whitten and died January 27, 1871; (3) Elisha, born about 1785, married Rebecca Drisko and died August 14, 1871; (4) David, married Hannah Nash, daughter of Abraham Nash; (5) Benjamin C., married Lucy S. Wass, daughter of William Wass; (6) Susan, married Joseph Wass, son of William Wass II; (7) Abigail, born 1790, married (1) [illegible] Tucker and (2) James Crowley and (3) [illegible] Leighton; (8) Polly, born 1795, married Joel Hall; (9) Betsey, born 1797, married Samuel Small; (10) Permelia, born 1800, married Adolphus Corthell; (11) Sarah, born 1803, married ~~Adolphus Corthell;~~ (

Simeon Hall and died March 15, 1834; (12) Miriam, born 1806, married William Wass II in 1825.

Jane (Wass) Coffin died December 28, 1853, at the age of 92, and lies in the cemetery at Columbia with her husband, who died June 17, 1830.

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At least ten of the twelve children born to Wilmot and Rebecca Allen Wass reached adult age, married and had from two to fourteen children. There were six Wilmots and five Rebeccas in the third generation, though the daughter of Wilmot II may have been named for her mother. Two of the twelve children, Margaret and John, turned away from the ocean, left their kindred and set their faces toward the West. They penetrated only to western New England and eastern New York, but they were responding to the pioneer urge. They and their descendants were in the van of that ever advancing, ever infiltrating, ever westward moving stream, as irresistible as a flow of lava. It subdued the savage tribes, rolled across the prairies, conquered the mountain passes, and almost within one lifetime had moved triumphantly "from sea to shining sea."

VIII
ALLIED FAMILIES

Marriage alliances form an important part of any family story. In old age many a man looks back across the years and realizes that the winning of his wife was his smartest piece of work. Many a woman has been thankful that she and her children bore the name of a man of character and achievement.

Passing over the records in old England and in other parts of America, we shall consider a few of the New England families which became linked with ours in the early days. From this distance it looks as though most of our boys and girls exercised good judgement. Transportation facilities were limited, so it is natural that most of our young people found their mates in their own or a neighboring town. Marriages between cousins were numerous. Nearly the entire population of early New England was of English or Scotch descent, so it was inevitable that during the period 1700 to 1800 and later, our ancestors were entering such families as Allen, Bucknam, Campbell, Coffin, Dyer, Frankland, Griswold, Ingersoll, Knowles, Look, Mayhew, Nash, Strout, Wilmot and many others of the old stock.

ALLEN AND HOMES FAMILIES

When Wilmot Wass, of Boston, married Rebecca Allen, of Chilmark, he became associated with a family which has been numerous all over this country since early Colonial days. Of both English and Scotch descent, sixteen spellings of the name were listed in the United States census of 1790, with a total of nearly 8900 persons, including nearly 1600 heads of families.

Samuel Allen, born about 1600, was the immigrant ancestor of the Martha's Vineyard branch of the family. He came from Bridgewater, County Somerset, England, and settled in Braintree, Massachusetts, where he died August 5, 1669.

James Allen, son of Samuel, born in 1636, married Elizabeth Perkins and died in 1714, aged 78. He was one of the original purchasing proprietors of the town of West Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard.

John Allen, son of James and Elizabeth, born in 1682, married Margaret Homes March 1, 1715/6, and died October 17, 1767, aged 85. He was a wealthy man, a large land holder and speculator, High Sheriff 1714 to 1733 and Colonel in the Island militia. He had thirteen children, including the twins, Rebecca and Katherine. One of his daughters, Jane, married Handley Chipman, of Newport, Rhode Island, later of Cornwallis, Nova Scotia. Chipman was born in 1717 and died in 1799. His family history gives many interesting details concerning the Allen and Homes families, with incidental mention of "Captain Wilmot Wass." He writes as follows regarding his father-in-law, John Allen:

"As to my Father in Law he was a very stirring driving gentleman for the World ..... was of a very quick temper, but Soon over, very contrary to his dear wife's temper which was calm

and mild and She being endowed with much piety and prudence, could almost at any time be influencial in calming her husband when he got into a frett. He was a person that pushed on his Children in very early Life to work and transacting business ..... He was a man of small stature, his pious wife was a pretty Large, fleshey woman."

Rebecca Allen's maternal ancestors also are worthy of attention. Her mother was a daughter of Rev. William Homes, who was born in northern Ireland in 1663. The religious troubles in Ireland caused him to come to America in 1686 and he taught the school at Chilmark from that year to 1689. In 1691 he returned to Ireland, where, on December 21, 1692, he was ordained as a Presbyterian minister. On September 26, 1693, he married Katherine Craighead, daughter of Rev. Robert Craighead. She was born in 1672 or 1673. Ten children were born of this union.

In 1714 he returned to Chilmark, and in 1715 was installed as pastor of the Chilmark church. It had only two members, with a third uniting on the day of his installation and two others within the next few months. His daughter, Margaret, who married John Allen, was born February 28, 1695/6, and died April 26, 1778. One of his sons, Robert, married Mary Franklin, sister of the famous Benjamin Franklin, in Boston April 3, 1716.

Homes kept a diary for many years and it affords an interesting picture of life on Martha's Vineyard in Colonial days. In 1744 he became too feeble to preach regularly, and he died June 27, 1746, at the age of 83. His wife died April 10, 1754. Handley Chipman had considerable to say about Rev. Homes. Following is a brief extract:

"He was allowed to be a Minister very sound in principles, and Authodox, but had a very Low Voice, but was Remarcably Grave in his publick devotion both of praying and preaching."

Rebecca Allen's maternal gramifather was, of course, the origin of a first name which has appeared in several generations of the Wass family, though it has frequently been misspelled "Holmes."

CAMPBELL

"The Campbells are coming, o-ho, o-ho!
The Campbells are coming, o-ho!
The Campbells are coming to bonnie Lochleven!
The Campbells are coming, o-ho, o-ho!"

No doubt they duly arrived at "bonnie Lochleven," and this ancient family, said to have been prominent in Scotland before 1300, also came to America early - and in force! The United States census of 1790, covering twelve states, records 27 different spellings of the name and includes a total of over 4300 persons bearing the clan name at that time.

The Eastern Maine branch of the family descended from Alexander Campbell, of Scotch-Irish Presbyterian stock, who in 1729 came from the northern part of Ireland to Georgetown, Maine, on the lower Kennebec River. His wife was Frances Drummond, daughter

of Alexander Drummond. This couple had ten children, four of whom were born before they came to this country. Their first child born in America was Alexander II, born September 16, 1731.

This second Alexander Campbell married about January 1, 1759, Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. William Nickels (or Nichols). About 1766 they moved to the present Steuben, Maine, and about 1772 to the Narraguagus River, now Cherryfield. Mr. Campbell was one of the most distinguished and influential men of his time in Eastern Maine, and during the Revolution did much to hold this far northeastern section of the country secure for the new Republic. Incidentally, other branches of the Campbell family were among the prominent officers in the British army, and were especially active in the South.

On the re-organization of the militia in 1776, Mr. Campbell was elected Lieutenant-Colonel of the 6th Lincoln regiment. In 1783 he was chosen Colonel and afterwards Brigadier-General. In 1789 he was commissioned to the bench of Common Pleas by Governor Hancock, and in 1791 was chosen State Senator. From 1798 to 1806 he served as Major-General of the 8th militia division. In 1799 he became one of the original overseers of Bowdoin College. He died in 1807 or 1808 and is buried in Cherryfield. His wife died in 1811. They had nine children. Two of their sons were Samuel and Alexander Campbell III.

Samuel Campbell married Rebecca Wass, daughter of David M. Wass, of Columbia. He was born in 1775 and died September 26, 1833, aged 58. Samuel and Rebecca had a large family. One of their sons was David Wass Campbell, who married Margaret B. Nickels, daughter of Alexander Nickels. Another of their sons was Alexander Campbell IV, who, on December 13, 1829, married Caroline Dimmick Ricker, daughter of Amaziah Ricker.

One of the sons of the fourth Alexander Campbell and Caroline (Ricker) Campbell also was given the name of "David Wass." This last David Wass Campbell was born at Cherryfield July 1, 1852, and died at Anacortes, Washington, December 27, 1942, aged 90.

COFFIN

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This is the famous family which has taken pride in tracing its descent from Sir Richard Coffin, who came from Normandy to England with William the Conqueror, and fought at the battle of Hastings, October 14, 1066.

Peter Coffin, son of Nicholas and Joan Coffin, and born about 1580, was a direct descendant. Peter married Joan Thimber. He died in 1628.

Tristram Coffin, son of Peter and Joan, born in 1605, married Dionis Stevens. In 1642 they came from Plymouth, England, to Salisbury, Massachusetts, in which vicinity he lived for about twenty years. They had nine children, some of whom were born in England.

John Coffin, son of Tristram and Dionis (Stevens) Coffin, became the ancestor of the Martha's Vineyard and Eastern Maine Coffins. He was born at Haverhill, Massachusetts, October 30, 1647, and in 1668 married Deborah Austin, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Starbuck) Austin, of Nantucket, by whom he had eleven children. About 1682 they moved to Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard. John Coffin died September 5, 1711.

Tristram Coffin, son of John and Deborah (Austin) Coffin, married Mary Bunker in February, 1714, and lived on Nantucket. He died January 29, 1763.

Richard Coffin, son of Tristram and Mary (Bunker) Coffin, born in 1729, married Mary Cook about 1750. About 1768 they moved from Martha's Vineyard to Pleasant River and settled in what is now Columbia, Maine. They had nine children.

Matthew Coffin, son of Richard and Mary (Cook) Coffin, born at Edgartown in 1756, married Jane Wass, youngest daughter of Wilmot Wass I. He died January 17, 1830, aged 74. Matthew and Jane had twelve children, of whom three, Benjamin C., Susan and Mariam Coffin, also married Wasses.

DYER

Members of this old English family came early to the New World. One of the first was Deacon Thomas Dyer, who came over in 1632 and settled in Weymouth, Massachusetts. Joseph Dyer, age 28, came from London to New England in 1634. Annaniah Dyer, age 24, came from London to Virginia in 1635. In 1790 there were nearly 1500 Dyers in the United States.

Many of the name in Eastern Maine descended from Henry Dyer, who with his brother Reuben came from Cape Elizabeth, Maine, in 1768 or 1769 and settled in what is now Steuben, at the head of the bay which bears his name. Nearby Dyer's Island also perpetuates the name of the family.

The Wass and Dyer families were very closely allied, as four of the five sons of Wilmot Wass II* married Dyer girls. They all had large families and there were numerous other Wass-Dyer marriages in later generations.

* by his first wife

FRANKLAND

Often confused with Franklin and Franklyn. An old and prominent English family, descent being traced from one Hugh Frankland. They were connected by marriage with the Oliver Cromwell family.

The fourth Baronet, Sir Charles Henry Frankland, familiarly known as Sir Harry, became a well known figure in Massachusetts before the Revolution. He was involved in the famous romance with Agnes Surriage, of Marblehead, who later became Lady Frankland. He owned the Clark-Frankland mansion in North Square, Boston, and from its windows his widow witnessed the battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775.

However, we are more interested in William Frankland, of another branch of the family, who was born at Whitby, Yorkshire, England, March 16, 1764. He removed to New Brunswick and on

October 27, 1789, married Ann Ross, of St. Andrews, New Brunswick, who was born at Falmouth (Portland), Maine, September 22, 1772. It is said that the Ross family also came from Yorkshire. In 1801 the couple removed to Grand Manan, where he had been given grants of land on the island and on adjoining Whitehead Island. Fifteen children were born to them. William Frankland died August 19, 1840.

One of his eleven daughters, Margaret Ross Frankland, born in New Brunswick November 22, 1800, married John Wass, son of James and a great grandson of the first Wilmot, at Addison, Maine, December 27, 1821. She died March 18, 1897, and lies beside her husband and one of their children in the Hill Cemetery at Addison. Her mother died September 24, 1862, aged 90, and is buried in the same plot, but unfortunately the name on the tombstone is inscribed as "Franklin."

GRISWOLD

(By Miss Vera E. Griswold, of Gordon, Nebraska.)

The Griswolds were a part of that Puritan emigration to New England between 1630-1640 which brought around twenty thousand people to this country, from whom, it is said, are descended more than one fourth of the present population of the United States. The brothers Edward and Matthew Griswold were members of the company of Rev. Ephraim Huit, a Puritan preacher and writer, coming from Kenilworth Parish in Warwickshire, England, to Connecticut in 1639. Another Griswold, Michael by name, owned land in Wethersfield in 1640. No relationship has been established with Edward and Matthew, but from these three Griswolds all by that name in America are descended.

Edward and Matthew were typical Englishmen, active and intellectual, prominent in the new communities in which they settled, Edward at Windsor and later Killingsworth (now Clinton) Connecticut, and Matthew at Saybrook and Lyme. Each line has produced men of the same type throughout the years, high-minded, practical, enterprising Christian gentlemen, seeking the betterment of the civil, religious and educational life in their own locality or state. Descendants of these lines have produced Griswold Governors of Connecticut, Nebraska and Utah.

Edward's son, Lieut. Francis Griswold, born in England, was one of the thirty-five proprietors of Norwich, Connecticut, and served as representative to the General Court for eleven sessions. Until after the American Revolution this family remained in Norwich. Francis' son, Capt. Samuel, married Susannah, daughter of Christopher Huntington, also one of the proprietors of Norwich. Their son, Samuel, born in 1693, married Elizabeth Abell, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Sluman Abell.

Ebenezer Griswold, one of the sons of Samuel and Elizabeth, was a Revolutionary soldier. After the war was over he took his family to Vermont, thus starting the trek west which his descendants have followed. Here his two younger sons, Alvin and Rufus, met - one wonders how - and married two sisters, Anna and Deborah Wass, of Hebron, Connecticut. Rufus and Deborah became the parents of Rufus Wilmot Griswold, the poet and editor. Alvin

and Anna gave their descendants an urge for pioneering that has not ceased down the years. Upon the opening of the Erie Canal, their sons Homer Franklin and Hubbard Norton Griswold embarked on a fearsome journey by boat from Benson, Vermont, to become homesteaders in the Western Reserve, just east of Cleveland, Ohio. Their homesteads face each other three miles back from Lake Erie and they lie buried in the little country cemetery at South Madison, Ohio. Homer married Laura Trunball and after the third generation left no male descendants. Hubbard married Louisa Kellogg, of Amherst, Massachusetts, and brought her and several children with him to Ohio. His mother, Anna Wass Griswold, either came with them or spent some time with them later, according to a manuscript "Women of the Western Reserve who came before 1850." One imagines the true pioneer gleam in her eye as this seventy year old woman looked forward to seeing the new country in the far west.

Hubbard Norton Griswold's son, Alvin Hubbard, went to Blakesburg, Iowa, and married in 1859 Ellen Terrell, of Ohio and Connecticut Revolutionary forebears. Of intense convictions, he enlisted as a Lieutenant in the 3rd Iowa Cavalry and was killed in action in Arkansas early in the Civil War. Letters written by him back to his parents in Ohio give a vivid picture of the pre-Civil War era, commenting on the national and local situations, the nomination and election of Abraham Lincoln, and other interesting subjects. These letters are now the property of the Nebraska Historical Association.

Alvin Hubbard left one son a year old when he died, Dwight Hubbard Griswold. D.H. Griswold, as he was always known, came to northwest Nebraska along with the railroad and pioneered in earnest through all the lean years. He eventually became a banker at Harrison and later at Gordon, and was in each community just what his first English forebears had been to New England. He married Clarissa Palmer, also of New England lineage, who left the dells of Wisconsin for the Nebraska prairie. Her pioneer story also is in the files of the Nebraska Historical Association.

Their only son, Dwight Palmer Griswold, was born in Harrison, a few miles from the Wyoming line, in November, 1893, but grew up in Gordon, one hundred miles east, in the "potato and meat" section of Nebraska's Panhandle. With all this pioneer blood in his veins and not much new country left to develop, Dwight's mind early turned to civic betterment and government reforms. Letters written home from military school at the age of fourteen show his keen interest in such things. He was graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1914, served in World War I as Captain and Major, and has been State Commander of the American Legion and President of the Nebraska Press Association. He was elected Governor of the state in 1940, 1942 and 1944. He married Erma Elliott, of Yorkville, Illinois, also of New England stock and a graduate of Northwestern University in 1917. They have one daughter, Mrs. John H. Gayer, and one son, Dwight Elliott Griswold.

A sketch of Governor Griswold's political career will be found in "Who's Who."

LOOK

A Scotch name, said to have been recorded in the vininity of Glasgow before 1600. Originally spelled Luke, after the Apostle.

Thomas Look, born in 1622, came to Lynn, Massachusett, about 1639 and was employed in the iron works. Later he was one of the original ten associates who purchased the island of Nantucket.

Thomas Look II, born in 1646, went to Nantucket in 1670 and to Martha's Vineyard about 1685.

Samuel Look, son of Thomas Look II, was born in 1683.

Thomas Look III, son of Samuel Look, was born November 18, 1706. He married, October 27, 1731, Mercy Lewis, daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Folland) Lewis, of Barnstable, Massachusetts. He died March 4, 1783.

Daniel Look, son of Thomas III and Mercy (Lewis) Look, was born June 7, 1733, and was a resident of Tisbury. He was a soldier in the French and Indian War. About 1763 he married Ann Butler, who was born January 29, 1740/1. About 1770 he moved to Pleasant River, now Addison, Maine, where he died in April, 1825. Daniel and Ann (Butler) Look had ten children, George, Moses, Daniel Jr., Mary, Mercy, Hannah, Damarias, Eunice, Anna and Jennie.

Moses Look, son of Daniel and Ann, married MRS. (Hayseek) Martha Miller. Their children were Daniel III, Moses Jr., Thomas, Robert, Martha, Eunice and Lois.

Lois Look, daughter of Moses and Martha (Miller) Look, born November 1, 1796, married N. Jones Wass, son of Wilmot Wass III, and a great grandson of the first Wilmot.

MAYHEW

The immigrant ancestor was Thomas Mayhew, son of Matthew and Alice (Barton) Mayhew, born at Tisbury, Wiltshire, England, March 31, 1592. The name in England was spelled in many ways and is found in records as early as the thirteenth century, sometimes as a Christian name.

About 1619 he married Abigail Parkus or Parkhurst, and they had at least one son, Thomas Jr., born about 1620. In 1631 he came to Medford, Massachusetts, as a business representative of Matthew Cradock, a merchant of London. He married (2) about 1634, Mrs. Jane (Gallion) Paine, widow of a London merchant. By this second wife he had four daughters. About 1637 he moved to Watertown, Massachusetts, where he resided until he moved to Martha's Vineyard about 1645, having acquired title to the island several years earlier from Sir Ferdinando Gorges and Lord Stirling. At that time the Vineyard had very few inhabitants and belonged to the Province of Maine, which was not purchased by Massachusetts until 1678. Mr. Mayhew soon became the Magistrate and Governor and played a leading part in all the island's affairs until his death. He died on or about March 25, 1682.

His son, Thomas Jr., went to the Vineyard about 1642 as a missionary to the Indians. He married Jane Paine, his stepmother's daughter. He sailed for England in November, 1657, on business connected with the estate of his wife's family, but the ship never

was heard from thereafter. Thomas Jr. and Jane had six children, including at least three sons, Matthew, Thomas and John. Their descendants were very numerous and many of them were prominent, including Rev. Jonathan Mayhew, one of the foremost religious, social and political figures of the pre-Revolution period.

From such substantial stock was descended Paine Mayhew, born in March, 1734, who married Margaret Wass, daughter of the first Wilmot, and Sarah Mayhew, born in October, 1750, whose first husband was Homes Wass, brother of Margaret.

NASH

The name is of Saxon origin and many of the family came early to America. James Nash was in Weymouth, Massachusetts, as early as 1628. Others are recorded at Charlestown, Boston and other Massachusetts points during the period 1630-1634, and in Connecticut and New Hampshire a little later. The 1790 United States Census records 221 Nash families, including a total of 1241 persons.

Ann Nash, age 22, came from London to Virginia in 1635; Edmond Nash, age 21, from London to Barbadoes, May, 1635; William Nash, age 22, from London to Virginia in August, 1635.

Thomas Nash, of Lancaster, England, was one of the members of the Rev. John Robinson's congregation at Leyden, Holland, part of whom landed at Plymouth in 1620. He returned to England and came to this country in 1637, settling in what is now New Haven in 1638. His wife was Margery Baker, daughter of Nicholas Baker, of Hertfordshire, England. He was the ancestor of many of the Connecticut branch of the family. He died May 12, 1658.

Francis Nash, who was in Braintree, Massachusetts, in 1675, was the ancestor of the Eastern Maine branch of the family, which intermarried extensively with the Wass family. Francis was a farmer, served as a soldier in King Phillip's War and was twice married. He died August 3, 1713.

John Nash, son of Francis and his first wife, Elizabeth, born in Braintree about 1682, also was a farmer. He married on June 28, 1721, Mary Turbefield, daughter of James Turbefield. They had four sons and one daughter. John died July 7, 1745, and his wife died June 6, 1761.

Joseph Nash, third son of John and Mary (Turbefield) Nash, was baptized November 12, 1727, and on December 16, 1746, he married Susannah Shaw, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Blanchard) Shaw, of South Weymouth, Massachusetts. She was born March 3, 1726/7. They lived at Weymouth and at North Yarmouth, Maine, and about 1766 or 1767 moved to Pleasant River, Maine, in company with his brothers, Samuel and James Nash. Joseph died before 1790.

Joseph Nash Jr., son of Joseph and Susannah (Shaw) Nash, born at Braintree July 14, 1750, married on September 24, 1773, Elizabeth Wass, daughter of Wilmot Wass I. Joseph Jr. died April 16, 1839, aged 88.

Abigail Nash, a sister of Joseph Jr., born 1757, married David M. Wass, son of Wilmot Wass I, and settled at Columbia, Maine. She died April 9, 1847.

Many of the descendants of Joseph Jr., Abigail and of the

other seven children of Joseph Nash Senior, also intermarried with the Wass family.

Some descendants of Samuel and James Nash, the brothers of Joseph Senior, who came with him to Pleasant River, also settled in this region but the second generation, at least, did not intermarry with the Wass family, though later generations may have done so.

SPEAKMAN AND WARNER

The will of John Wass, of Boston, dated June 1, 1741, bequeathed five hundred pounds to his granddaughter, Mary Speakman, and named three Executors, one of whom was his son, Wilmot. The other two were "my very good friend, Mr. William Speakman & my grandson Thos. Spealman." The records of the John Wass family and of the Speakmans also are closely interwoven with the Warner family.

William Speakman was a baker who arrived in Boston from England about March, 1715/6, and lived for a time at the home of John Wass. The next definite information about him is that on October 25, 1719, he married Hannah Hackerel in Boston, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Samuel Miles, Presbyterian. The following March the Town Meeting chose him as one of its Constables, but he declined to serve. On April 25, 1729, it is noted that he owned Tomb No. 31 in the South Burying Place. In 1735 his name appears in a list of Boston business men who signed an agreement regarding New Hampshire notes. In 1736 he became surety for a family recently arrived in town.

In 1737 Mr. Speakman apparently lived in Marlborough Street, as in October of that year he was given permission to dig up the street for a drain. In 1745 he was among the subscribers to pay the cost of bells made in England and hung in Christ Church. His donation was thirty pounds.

William Speakman was actively associated with the founding of Trinity Church, Boston. About the end of April, 1728, the site at the corner of the present Summer and Hawley Streets was purchased from him in behalf of this third Episcopal Church in the city. The corner stone was not laid until several years later and the first sermon in the new church was August 15, 1735. Mr. Speakman became one of the first two Wardens.

He continued his bakery business through the years and frequently appeared before the Selectmen in behalf of himself or with others, petitioning to be allowed to increase the price of bread on account of the rising cost of wheat. His daughter, Hannah, married John Rowe in Boston May 26, 1743, and his daughter Susanna, married Ralph Inman in Boston November 2, 1746. He died near the end of April, 1748, as his will was probated April 27 of that year. The will reveals that this fairly prominent citizen was unable to write his name.

The Will of William Speakman

"In the Name of God Amen. I William Speakman of Boston within the County of Suffolk & Province of the Massachusetts Bay

in New England, Baker, being Weak of Body but of sound disposing mind & memory thanks be to God therefor, but Considering the Certainty of Death & the Uncertainty of the time thereof Do make and Declare these Presents to Contain my Last Will and Testament: First I Will my Debts & Funeral Charges shall be paid, & then I Give, Devise and Bequeath all my Estate Real and Personal as follows Viz. I Give Devise & Bequeath unto my son Thomas Speakman & his assigns forever all that my Land at the South End of the Town of Boston which I bought of Samuel Waldo, Edward Tyng and the Widow Fayerweather, all of said Boston, now in the Tenure or Occupation of the said Thos., together with the old Distill House thereon standing, adjoining to Mr. Warner's Distill House, and all the Rest, Residue & Remainder of all my said Estate both Real & Personal of what nature kind of Quality soever & wheresoever, I Give, Devise & Bequeath (that is to say) one full & Equall third Part thereof unto my well beloved Wife Hannah to her sole Use & Benefit, or to be by her Given and disposed off in such manner as she shall think Proper, and I Give the Use and Improvement of the other two third Parts Real & Personal to my said Wife during her Life & from and after her Decease, I Give Devise & Bequeath the said two thirds of my said Estate unto my three children, the said Thomas, and Hannah, the Wife of John Rowe, of Boston, Merchant, & Susannah the Wife of Ralph Inman also of said Boston, Merchant, viz. one Third of said two thirds to each of them the said Thomas, Hannah and Susannah & their assigns forever, And do Constitute and appoint my said Loving Wife Hannah, my said Son Thomas Speakman & the said John Rowe & Ralph Inman Executors of this my last Will, and my further Will & Mind is that if my Executors find it needful to Sell & Dispose of any part of my Real Estate for the Payment & Discharge of my Debts, or Discharge any Incumbrances on my said Estate, they may sell, Dispose off, & Convey any Part of my said Real Estate to Discharge any such Debts & Incumbrances, And I do hereby Revoke & make Void all former & other Wills by me at any time heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal this 28th day of March Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred & forty eight In the twenty-first Year of his Majesty's Reign---

"Signed, Sealed Published and Declared by the Testator as and for his Last Will & Testament in presence of us---

William Price

Thomas Soden

Alice Quick

Rd. Jennys

his

William X Speakman

mark

Suffolk ss

By the Honble. Edward Hutchinson, Esq. Judge of Probate.

"The within written Will being presented for Probate by the Executors, therein named William Price, Thomas Soden & Alice Quick

made oath that they saw William Speakman the Subscriber to this Instrument Sign & Seal & heard him publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, and that when he so did, he was of sound disposing Mind and Memory according to these Deponents' best discerning and that they (together with Richard Jennys) set to their Hands as Witnesses thereof in the said Testator's Presence------

Edwd. Hutchinson

Boston, April 26, 1748."

On August 26, 1757, the Suffolk County Court appointed John Rowe of Boston and Ralph Inman of Cambridge, Administrators of the estate of their mother-in-law, Hannah Speakman, and on April 19, 1758, Rowe and Inman submitted an Inventory to a total value of four hundred and fifty-two pounds, ten shillings, three and one-half pence, of which the greater part consisted of the following real estate:

"To 1/3 part of two Houses & Land in Corn hill	333 - 6 - 8
"1/2 part of a house & land in Pond Street	66 -13 - 4
"1/3 part of a Right of Land in the Township of New Boston	8 - 0 - 0."

We have the following information regarding Thomas Speakman, son of William:

March 9, 1740/1, elected Constable at the Boston Town Meeting. Excused from serving.

March 8, 1741/2, again elected Constable and again excused. This time there is the notation "under age." Between these dates he was made an Executor of the John Wass will.

March 12, 1743/4, finally sworn in as Constable at the Town Meeting in Faneuil Hall.

March 28, 1746, Thomas was named as one of the Executors of his father's will and in 1751 he is included in a list of Boston residents. On July 13, 1753, the Probate Judge of Suffolk County appointed him Administrator of the estate of Gilbert Warner, distiller of Boston. On March 20, 1760, his house on Milk Street or Batterymarch Street was destroyed in one of Boston's great fires. One account states that this house was on "Lower Water Street."

The records disclosd the following additional facts regarding the Speakman and Warner families:

Gilbert Warner was a distiller who at one time lived on Essex Street, Boston. He married Sarah Wass in Boston, August 29, 1713. At the Town Meeting of March 13, 1720/1, he was chosen one of the Constables.

On May 8, 1740, a Gilbert Warner married Ann Sleigh in Boston, and on December 19, 1749, a Gilbert Warner married Elizabeth Monk.

Mary Warner, daughter of Gilbert and Sarah Warner, was born in Boston, May 3, 1721.

William Speakman, son of Thomas and Mary Speakman, was born

in Boston September 30, 1740.

Gilbert Warner Speakman, son of Thomas and Mary Speakman, was born in Boston November 7, 1747.

Three children of V. Stephen Minot, a merchant of Boston, married Speakmans. Jonas Clark Minot, born in 1738, married a Mrs. Hannah Speakman of Marlborough, June 23, 1777. Sarah Minot, born November 7, 1749, married Gilbert Warner Speakman of Marlborough, in Boston, December 19, 1771. George Richards Minot, born December 23, 1758, graduated from Harvard in 1773 and married Mary Speakman of Marlborough, in Boston February 25, 1783. He became the historian of Massachusetts.

Susanna Speakman, daughter of Gilbert Warner Speakman and Sarah Speakman, was born in Boston February 12, 1780.

Samuel R. Miller and a Sarah Speakman were married in Boston March 7, 1802.

A Mrs. Mary Speakman died in Boston January 20, 1809, aged 88.

On September 14, 1812, the Suffolk Court appointed "Mary Speakman, Single Woman," of Boston, Administratrix of "the estate of Thomas Speakman of Boston, merchant, lately deceased," he having died intestate. William Minot and Andrew Ritchie Jr., of Boston, went on her bond for $200.00.

January 31, 1814, the Court appointed William Minot of Boston, Administrator of the estate of Mary Speakman, "late of said Boston, widow."

December 7, 1820, "Mary Speakman of Boston, single woman," made a will making bequests to the children of her cousins William Minot, Jane Sedgwick and Sally Minot, and to her niece, Mary Jane Miller.

May 13, 1840, she (still described as "single woman,") made a codicil, with additional bequests, including "Thomas Speakman Swan, son of her cousin, William Swan.

June 23, 1840, the will and codicil were presented to the court for probate.

It is as hard to present the complete picture as it would be to assemble a jigsaw puzzle with numerous pieces missing. However, the Wass and Speakman wills, plus the miscellaneous evidence, reveal that the Sarah Wass who married Gilbert Warner in 1713 was a daughter of John Wass and a sister or half sister of Wilmot Wass, and that her daughter, Mary Warner, married Thomas Speakman, son of the first William Speakman. Sarah (Wass) Warner is not mentioned in the John Wass will and probably died prior to 1741. It may have been the same Gilbert Warner who married Ann Sleigh in 1740 and Elizabeth Monk in 1749. Thomas Speakman must have been born about 1722 and could have lived until 1812. The Mrs. Mary Speakman who died in 1809 evidently is his wife, born Mary Warner.

The constant repetition of such names as Hannah, Mary and Sarah causes much confusion and with only partial records available it is diffhcult to determine the exact relationships, but what is here set down may be of interest to the other families involved.

IX
THE WHARF AND WHORF FAMILIES

Some writers have indicated a belief that the Wharfs, Whorfs and Wasses have a common origin. Other and equally reliable authorities find no such connection. The books on English surnames contain very little mention of the Wharf family, though it is included in a book on Curious Surnames, by Richard S. Charnock. It appears occasionally in England and there was at least one prolific family of that name in colonial America, where it also was spelled Wharfe, Wharff, Warff, Whaffe, Wharffe, Whorfe, Worf, Worff, Whorff and occasionally Waffe and Whorf. Most of these variations occur in the records of Gloucester, Massachusetts, where many of them settled.

Mr. Charnock's book contains the following: "Wharf, Wharff, Whorf. Not from Wharf or Wharfe, the Yorkshire river, but the same as Waugh (sometimes pronounced Wharf.)" If this is correct the name is to be grouped with the fairly common Waugh family.

Nathaniel Wharf was one of the early settlers of Maine. He was at Casco (now Portland) in 1658. He married Rebecca Macworth, daughter of Arthur Macworth, and his name appears several times in the York County legal records of that period. He died in 1673 and an Inventory of his estate was submitted by his widow and appraised by Robert Corbine and Jenkins Williams June 23, 1673. At the beginning of 1675 the Falmouth (Portland) records include his widow among the more than forty families residing at Falmouth at that time. Later the widow married William Rogers.

Nathaniel and Rebecca had at least two children, Nathaniel II and Rebecca II. The second Nathaniel, born in 1662, went to Gloucester and on January 30, 1684, married Ann Riggs, daughter of Thomas Riggs. Nathaniel II and Ann had thirteen children, as follows: Nathaniel III, born in 1685; Rebecca III, 1686; Mary, 1687; Charity, 1688, died in infancy; Thomas, 1689; Mercy and Experience, 1690; Hannah, 1691; Arthur, 1694; John, 1696; Patience, 1697, died in infancy; Abraham, 1699, died in 1706; Lydia, 1701. The mother died December 17, 1701, a few weeks after the birth of this last child. The date of her husband's death is uncertain. One account says he was living in 1736. Of the five sons of Nathaniel II at least two or three reached adult age, married and had large families. One of his descendants, a Thomas Wharf, settled at New Gloucester, Maine, and died there January 22, 1835, aged 87.

Rebecca Wharf II, daughter of the first Nathaniel, also removed to Massachusetts. She was admitted to the Second Church, Boston, in June, 1690. On February 15, 1693/4, she married Francis Holmes, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Cotton Mather. Holmes was an innkeeper. On June 7, 1690, he was the proprietor of the famous "Bunch of Grapes" Tavern at the corner of State and Kilby Streets, Boston. He was still there in 1712 and after his death his widow kept it until her death in 1730-1731. The Boston records contain several references to Holmes. On July 16, 1705, he became security for Elizabeth Brigden to become an inhabitant. On July 14, 1713, the Selectmen stated that Holmes was "not keeping good rule and order in his house,"(referring to his inn.)

He lived in Cornhill, also owned a house on King Street, now State Street, as on February 4, 1711/2, the Selectmen voted to allow him damages because his house on the latter street had to be destroyed to stop the progress of a fire. Francis and Rebecca (Wharf) Holmes had eleven children, including Isaac, Nathaniel and Ebenezer.

In 1684 an Arthur Wharf, age about 20, was an apprentice of John Lewis, a cooper, at Great Island, Newcastle, New Hampshire, near Portsmouth.

In 1692 an Isaac Wharf was at the same place.

On May 15, 1695, in Boston, a John and Martha Wharfe became parents of a daughter, Margaret, and a second daughter, Susannah, was baptized there March 14, 1697.

While there is no definite proof, it seems reasonable to that the last three mentioned, Apthur, Isaac and John Wharf, also were the sons of Nathaniel Wharf I and Rebecca (Macworth) Wharf. It will be noted that two of the sons of Nathaniel II were named Arthur and John, perhaps for their uncles, and the Great Island apprentice probably was named for Arthur Macworth.

A Gloucester historian says that the Nathaniel Wharf family is the only one of that name which he found in the early records. The reports from twelve states taken from the United States Census of 1790 show members of this family only in Maine and Massachusetts. In Maine the "Joseph Whorfe" family is listed at New Gloucester: one male sixteen or over; three males under sixteen; four females. In Massachusetts is listed eight families with the "Whorfe" spelling and five families with the "Wharfe" spelling. The locations of these families was as follows: Gloucester five; Newbury one; Newburyport one; Rowley one; Truro two; Provincetown three.

Mr. Edward Henry Whorf, a well known railroad executive of his time, only child of Sylvanus Henry and Henrietta (Faxon) Whorf, was born at Winchester, Massachusetts, May 8, 1851. He married Eliza Frances Cutler in Boston on December 12, 1877. From 1877 to 1882 he was Superintendent of the Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn Railroad. From 1882 to 1898 he held various important railroad positions in Mexico. From 1898 to his death on March 15, 1910, he again lived in Boston and devoted considerable attention to historical and genealogical research.

The above information is from a biographical article by Mr. Walter Faxon, of Lexington, Massachusetts. Mr. Faxon also makes the following statement regarding Mr. Whorf: "He was a descendant, in the ninth generation, of John Waffe or Whorf, of Charlestown, Mass. (1645); later generations of his paternal ancestors were, I believe, seafaring people who had homes in Provincetown at the extremity of Cape Cod."

Mr. Thomas Bellows Wyman, in his "Charlestown Genealogies and Estates," after listing his information about the "John Waffe" who purchased land in Charlestown in 1644, and after giving details about his family, adds the following: "Sometimes Whafe, Wharf, etc." We do not know just where Mr. Wyman secured his authority for this last statement. The genealogical facts in his book must have been copied from the old records, and in

referring to the transfer of land by Katherine Coitmore the name is given as "John Wafe." Neither do we know whether Mr. Faxon was depending entirely on Mr. Wyman's statement or whether he had additional information.

On the other hand, the authoritative "Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England," by Hon. James Savage, refers to the same early Charlestown settler as "John Wass or Wasse" with no reference to any other spelling.

Dr. Charles E. Banks, an experienced and reliable genealogist, in referring to the John Wass who was in Boston in 1711, states that he was the son of Thomas, who was the son of John. The Charlestown John had a son Thomas and evidently they are the ones indicated. Dr. Banks makes no reference to any other spelling.

Errors in spelling are of course very frequent in the old records, but in the overwhelming majority of cases the references to Nathaniel Wharf and his descendants have included use of the eighth letter of the alphabet, while the Wass family never has used this spelling.

It also is interesting to note from Mr. Faxon's article that Mr. Whorf's ancestors lived at Provincetown. The 1790 census shows the John, George and Sarah Wharfe families living there and an Isaac Wharf family at nearby Truro, but there is nothing to connect them with the Wass family.

On the whole, it would seem probable that the Whorfs in this country are affiliated with the Wharfs, and that the Wass name has nothing to do with either of them.

X

PLEASANT RIVER PEOPLE

Washington County, Maine, the Sunrise County of the nation, lies in the far northeastern corner of our Atlantic coast. Its shore is fringed with beautiful islands, among them, Great Wass Island, and indented by numerous bays and inlets. Aside from the part bordering on the ocean, much of this remote region still is a wilderness, with an abundance of fish and game and with lumbering operations still being carried on around the headwaters of the rivers. The soil is generally poor, manufacturing is limited and the population has grown very slowly. The coastal trade and shipbuilding of the past have been replaced by the domestic sardine and blueberry canning industries and by the revenues derived from sportsmen and summer tourists. The aristocratic lobster is a native and so is the lowly clam. Both are marketed in considerable quantities.

Washington County has a place in history. Its coast was frequently visited by the early French and English explorers and traders and in 1604 De Mont and Champlain made the first European settlement in New England in the St. Croix River near Calais. Champlain explored the coast to the westward that same fall. Machias, long known as a resort for traders(also, some say, for pirates,) became famous as the scene of the first naval battle of the Revolution, when the townspeople captured the "Margaretta" June 12, 1775.

About 1760 the first permanent settlers began to arrive on the West Washington County coast, coming principally from Martha's Vineyard and other parts of Massachusetts and from what is now southwestern Maine. In 1762 the Massachusetts General Court granted six Townships or Plantations east of the Union River, including the present towns of Steuben, Milbridge, Cherryfield, Harrington, Addison, Columbia and Columbia Falls, all on or near the Narraguagus and Pleasant Rivers. Five years later the Wilmot Wass family arrived on the scene.

To one familiar with the present day peaceful Pleasant River communities with their quiet, law abiding citizens, it is a surprise and something of a shock to learn that in 1770 the settlements were rather turbulent. In fact, the good neighbor policy was so conspicuous by its absence that a large group of the men found it necessary to petition the Governor to set up some legal machinery for their protection. So many signed the petition that one wonders whether they were talking about themselves! This rather amusing document is of special interest to us because of its reference to Wilmot Wass. We do not know why they mention the Fifth Township, as Pleasant River officially was Number Six. In this and following Petitions the names are shown as they were transferred from the original archives, with the probable correct or modern spelling in parenthesis.

"Petition to Governor Hutchinson by Inhabitants of the Fifth Township - 1770.

"To his Excellency Thomas Hutchinson, Esq. Capt. General & Governor of the Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England.

"The Petition of the Inhabitants of the Fifth Township granted by this Province to Eastward of Mount Decart & commonly called Pleasant River humbly sheweth to your Excellency

"That whereas there is now residing in this township upwards of sixty families and neither Law nor Gospel embraced among us every one doing what's right in his own eyes and a great spirit of mobbing and Rioting prevails, Cursing, Swearing, fighting, threatning, Stealing, pulling down Houses and the like as we cant sleep a nights without fear and living to such a distance from any authority that we labour under a great disadvantage of obtaining relief in such matters, being twenty miles to the Eastward of Goldsboro' and upwards of twenty miles Westward of Machias and very difficult passing any way makes us apply to your Excellency to interpose in this affair to redress our Grievances, and We whose names are hereunto subscribed humbly implore your Excellency that you would appoint a Justice of the Peace at Pleasant River as it is our sincere and hearty desire to live under a proper regulation of the Common Laws of the Land, and there is one Capt. Wilmot Woss a man of good reputation who removed from Martha's Vineyard about three years ago and has a good Interest in this Township whom we recommend to your Excellency to be appointed if you in your goodness shall think proper with the advice of Council, & we pray your Excellency to lay this our Petition before our said Council as we flatter ourselves of your Excellency's protection of our Civil Rights as far as the due Execution of the Law will give us, which causes us to apply to your Excellency to cause them to be put in force as we profess ourselves to be Loyal Subjects and are ready to spend our lives and fortunes for his Majesty's Crown and dignity and the Laws and good government as your Petitioners are in duty bound to pray for.

"N. B. If your Excellency shall think proper to appoint any other suitable person we have no objection.

Moses Plumer(Plummer)	Joseph Drisko,Junior	Noah Mitchell
Samuel Disko (Drisko)	Nathl. Buck (Bucknam)	Samuel Nash
William Mitchell	John Drisk his O mark	Joseph Michell (Mitchell?)
Benjamin Look	Daniel Look	Ebenezer Coal (Cole)
Chare (Chas.) Stevens	Robin Groas (?)	James Bryent (Bryant)
Edward Cate	Owen Macdonald	William Hix
Seth Norton	Edmund Stevens	Thomas
Samuel Knowls(Knowles)	George Tinney	Joseph ,Tebbut(Tibbetts)
Isaiah Nash	James Nash	Samuel
John Hall	Joseph X his mark	Joseph Nash Junior
Samull Coffin	Isaac Smith"	"

Five years later came the Revolution, which brought great hardships to the isolated inhabitants on our eastern frontier. Their difficulties are vividly portrayed in the following petition to the Massachusetts General Court in January, 1779:

"State of the Mass. Bay
To the Honorable Council & House of Representatives; In General Court Assembled 1779.

"The Petition of the Inhabitants of Pleasant River in the Eastern Part of said State: now assembled this 23d Day of January A. D. 1779. Beg leave to Represent to your Honours the very Distressing Situation of this Place for want of provisions, as well every necessary, almost, in Life: occasioned in Part by the Great Drought the Last Summer, here we had not halfe crops of Grain, &c. But the more alarming it is Being Deprived of most all communication with our own State, by the Hostility of the British ministrys sending the man of war & arm'd Vessels along all this shore that snaps up most all the vessels that offers to Pass: Moreover they have Blockd up some of our harbours this winter: Some of us for want of Bread it Being the most Valuable thing: have sent our meat & fish &c to market in Deckt Boats, to buy Bread & clotheing, hopeing they might escape, in shore, But they were taken and Plundred (The same meat & fish would have been some support to us) So let us Look which way we will, our case is most Deploreable, Notwithstanding, we are & will be, Loyal to the States of America. And we are willing to spend our Lives, for the Rights and Liberties of our country, if occasion calls. But we are so Lame now: that if the Enemy should make such attempts as they have Don on this Eastern Country, we know not what the event will be. We know not where to Look for help, But to our Parents. Therefore Look upon it our Duty to Lay our case & circumstance Before your Honours, Relying upon it that you will not only from Principles of Reason & Justice suffer so valuable a country to fall into the hands of the Enemy; But from your known Goodness & Compassion (Not only in General; But to us in perticular which we must mention with Gratitude, and thank your Honours, for what we have Recevd) Take our case into your wise consideration, and Pray your Honours, would Grant us such Relief & Supplies of Provisions, arms, ammunition, soldiers, arm'd Vessels & Fortifications &c., As your Honours In your Great Wisdom and Goodness shall see meet. (For further Information we Refer to Col. John Allan of Machias)

"And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray

Joseph Wilson, Daniel Merit.
In behalfe of the Whole Body

"The Inhabitants of Pleasant River have Been Duly warned & met this day and voted the within Petition To be sent to the General Court and Made choice of Capt. Joseph Wilson and Mr. Daniel Merit to signe the said Petition in behalfe of the Whole Body.

Test "Edmund Stevens Clark (Clerk)
January the 23d 1779."

Early in 1781 a prominent citizen of Gouldsboro took the lead in an attempt to establish a neutral state in the region between the Penobscot and St. Croix Rivers and sent a letter proposing it to several places east of Gouldsboro, including

Machias and Pleasant River. In this he had the more or less active support of other leading men in what is now Hancock County. The motives back of this attempt seem to be mixed. Some of the people were discontented because the Massachusetts government apparently had been unable to relieve their financial distress and food shortages or to protect them from the attacks of the British along the coast. The property interests of the leading citizens were being imperilled and some of them were selfishly conscious that they might make more money if they could trade with the British. Moreover, there was a certain amount of Loyalist or Tory sentiment. The inhabitants of the section between the Machias and Narraguagus Rivers, however, indignantly repudiated this attempt and held steadfastly for the new Republic. Their firmness at a critical time probably had much to do with the eventual establishment of the St. Croix River as the eastern boundary of the United States. Many had anticipated that it would be at the Penobscot. The Machias people rejected the proposal in a series of strong resolutions, communicating their action to Governor Hancock of Massachusetts, and sent copies of their resolutions and of the Gouldsboro letter to Pleasant River and other settlements. The reply from Pleasant River is short and to the point, and we feel a thrill of pride as we read how well our fathers kept the faith "in the brave days of old."

"Pleasant River April the 9th 1781.

Gentlemen

"We receiv'd your Friendly Letter of the 30th of March Last, with a Copy of Mr. ....'s Letter, and a Copy of Representation to the Governor, &c, &c.

"And we have vewed the Resolves of your March meeting and do look on it, that you acted Like Spirited, good, & Loyal, Honourable Subjects, to the States of America, &c. Also we have Perused ....'s Letter and Look upon it as unorthodox selfish, but mistaken Policy,-

"Likewise we hav considered of the said Representation, and we do Look upon it with Disdain, & that it is an Atrocious Audacious Falce Piece - And we do heartily joine with you in Rejecting the said Letter & Representation & do scorn and Dispise a Neutrality, & it is with Pleasure that we can Informe you (thats to our knowledge) that not one Person here has coveted to be Nautors at Present Neither do we Desire to be so Sneeking as Leave our Friends at the Westerd to Beat the Bush & we to catch the Hare. But we will Joine with you, heart & hand to defend the Rights & Liberties of America and its Independences to the Last. And we do Returne you hearty Thanks for your kind Letter & your opinion on the subject matter: & do wish Prosperity to American arms, & a speedy, honurable and happy, Peace - And we do wish you Evry Blessing. By order of the Committee of Correspondence &c.

Daniel Merit chairman."

1784. The war is over, new families are arriving and the original settlers take steps to protect their interests.

"To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Bay. - Setting in Boston in Said Commonwealth.

"The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of a Place called Upper or Back Township from or Northerly from the sea, Also called Pleasant River, No. 6 Back or Soldiers Township, laid out to the Eastward of Union River in the County of Lincoln- Your Petitioners Beg Leave to Lay before your Honours that a number of us has been Settlers in this place Seventeen & Some Eighteen Years & Upwards & the gratest part of us have been here & in this Said Plesant River during the time of the unhappy war with Great Britain Some of Your Petetioners have been Soldiers in General Washington's Army three years- And we your humble petitioners have Suffered and Undergone every difficulty that is incident to a New Settlement, in bringing to a wild uncultivated desart Country chiefly poor land- And have been exposed during the war to the ravages & Depredations of the cruel enemy- Oblidged to neglect Improving our land, to do duty as soldiers at Mechias & other places on this eastern Shore, to help defend the Country- But happy we that have not- nor have had, one Tory or Suspected person Inhabiting this Place, but all have been Loyal to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, during the war. But thro the goodness of god we have been protected- And notwithstanding all those difficulties, a great number of us your Petitioners have thro hard labors, Cleared, brought to, planted & Sowed the wild land,- And here all our Interest lays,- your humble petitioners beseech your honours to take our case into your wiss consideration and Grant unto us (and) our heirs, all the above said Back Sixth Township, in the manner or according to the Plan taken by Capt. Frye, Surveyor and exhibited in the year 1784 (or about that time) and your Petitioners Also Pray that your Honours would grant that we may hold and Enjoy, Where we now possess, and be confirmed in the Same- And your petitioners is willing to give Bonds to fulfill such Stepilations as your Honours shall think meet to prescribe in any Convenient time allowed. And your petitioners as in duty bound ever Pray.

"Dated at Pleasant River this 14th day of May 1784.

"John Bucknam	Moses Wooster Jr. (Worcester)
Waltian (William) Merit	John McCausland (McCaslin)
Daniel Merit (Merritt)	Joseph Tibbut (Tibbetts or Tabbut)
Nathan Whitney Jr.	Owin McKensy (Owen Mackenzie?)
Nathan'l Cox	Jeremiah Bucknam
Noah Mitchell	John Bucknam Jr.
Wm. Mitchell	William Bucknam
John Archer	John Nash
Obidiah Allen	Nathan Steele
Mathias Whitney	Shurbin Black (Free
John Disko (Drisko)	Richard Ayers
Joseph Disko his X mark	Nathan Whitney

Samuel Nash Jr.
Joel Whitney
Stephen Smith
Stephen Smith Jr.
Natha'l Davis (?)
Ab. Campbell
Jonathan Door (Dorr)
Joseph Wollson (Wilson)
Gowin Wollson (Wilson)
George Tinney
John Tinney
George Tinney Jr.
David Tinney
Richard Coffin
James Avery
Joseph Wilson (first settler)
Wm. Hicks
Joseph Drisko Jr.
Edward Cox
Obadiah Allen Jr.
Samuel Drisko
Benjamin Shaw
Elisha Coffin
Isaiah Nash
Daniel Merit Jr.
Joseph Nash
David Wass
Daniel Small
Matthew Coffin
Edmand Stevens
Richard Gowitt nort (Norton?)
Nehem'h Small
George Stillman
Wm. Tupper
Moses Wooster (Worcester)
William Ingersoll."

Washington County was formed in 1789 from part of Lincoln County and was officially incorporated May 1, 1790, with a total population of 2760. The only incorporated towns at that time were Machias, with a population of 818 and Bucks Harbor Neck with 61. Addison, Columbia and Harrington were incorporated in 1796-1797.

XI
IN PEACE AND IN WAR

Members of the family transplanted from England did not at first seem to thrive particularly well in the soil of the New World. The few who came were not very prolific and were scattered among the Colonies, but on Pleasant River they really took root and flourished. Here two sons and two daughters of Wilmot Wass settled permanently and raised large families. Here their descendants remained and multiplied. In the early days they were farmers, seamen, fishermen, lighthouse keepers, shipyard workers, mill owners and teachers. Wass captains were plentiful and they engaged in everything from short trips along the coast to voyages in the foreign trade. Some of them had the experience of having their ship captured or burned by enemy privateers or warships. One of them, Captain Warren Wass, commanded the bark "Nellie Chapin," which took the ill-fated West Washington County colony to Palestine in 1866.

The men were active in the public life of their small communities and frequently served as town officials. John B. Wass of Addison was the first representative from his town to the Maine legislature after the new state was formed in 1820. He served in 1825 and 1826. Names of our men and women appear frequently on the old church rolls, usually the Baptist. It is interesting to read the records kept by the Church Clerks of a hundred years or more ago. They throw light on the workings of the New England conscience. The minutes of a prayer meeting or conference frequently contain some such statement as "The church met in conference and related the exercises of their minds. Most of the members complained of darkness and stupidity but there were a few who appeared comfortable." Less frequently the second sentence would read: "They were well established in the doctrines of the gospel and appeared united together in love."

The earlier generations stayed close to home but like most other families of the old stock they soon moved out to play their part in the development of the country and in the opening of the great West. In the Saturday Evening Post of May 28, 1927, appeared an article on private gold and token coinages which mentioned the firm of Wass, Molitor & Company, in San Francisco in 1855. We do not know whether this Wass came from Maine, but he must have been one of the first of the name to settle on the Pacific Coast.

A few other families were living in the country at the time of the Revolution, some have come from England since that time and the male descendants of John Wass, son of Wilmot I, have not been traced, but it is safe to say that a goodly percentage of all now bearing our name in this country are descendants of Wilmot II or David M. Wass. As late as 1905 there lived in Addison alone 24 families, numbering about 75 people of a total population of around 1000. Forty years later only a few remained.

While our family has no special military tradition, our men have done their part in serving our country in its hours of need.

No attempt has bden made to compile war memoranda but we wish to pay tribute to two whose records are outstanding.

Ansel Dyer Wass, son of Otis Wass and Melintha (Dyer) Wass, was a grandson of Wilmot III, who was a grandson of the first Wilmot. The "Historical Register and Dictionary of the United States Army" lists commissioned officers only and has this to say in Volume 1:

"Ansel Dyer Wass of Maine, Mass. Captain 19th Mass. Infantry August 28, 1861; Major July 1, 1862; Lieutenant-Colonel 41st Mass. Infantry Oct. 10, 1862; resigned Jan. 31, 1863; Lieut.-Col. 19th Mass. Infantry May 25, 1863; honorably mustered out July 28, 1864; Colonel 60th Mass. Infantry August 6, 1864; honorably mustered out Dec. 29, 1864; brevet Brigadier-General Volunteers March 13, 1865, for gallantry and meritorious service during the war; Died January 24, 1889."

Lester S. Wass, of Gloucester, Massachusetts, born June 25, 1886, son of Lorenzo A. and Elizabeth Wass, also was a descendant of the three Wilmots. Upon his graduation from Dartmouth in 1909 he joined the Marines and saw service in China, the Philippines and Mexico. In World War I he was a Captain in the famous Fifth Brigade of Marines which won fame at Belleau Wood. Captain Wass was cited five times for extraordinary heroism and won the Distinguished Service Cross. He was killed while leading a charge near Soissons. If you visit Gloucester you will find a public square bearing his name and the local American Legion post is named in his honor.

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The generations have come and gone and Pleasant River today has few tangible reminders of the early days. The site of a vanished home is marked by a crumbling cellar wall, a few ancient apple trees, perhaps only by a depression in a field. Antique furniture, family heirlooms and keepsakes, old Bibles with names inscribed in faded ink - so reads the inventory. Numerous descendants of the first settlers remain, but many others are scattered across the continent. Vivid memories dwell with those long absent from their native coast - the distant roar of the sea; the faint honking of wild geese in their spring flight far overhead; the invigorating salt air of summer; the hush of a clear, calm afternoon in the flaming autumn woods; rustling footfalls among dry leaves; myriads of stars sparkling in the frosty air of a winter evening; a shutter rattling in a cold northeast wind and the whisper of snow against the pane.

Our New England ancestors were plain people, living simple lives in remote communities, but they possessed in abundance the qualities which helped make our nation great. Just as they wove their own cloth from wool taken from sheep raised on their own rocky farms, so they worked their industry, frugality and

self-reliance into the fabric of our national life. They sleep in isolated graves and small cemeteries of the coast hamlets, some within sound of the sea which they loved, some neglected under a wild tangle of trees and underbrush, some in well kept lots. Let us spare them a thought now and then and speak of them to our children,

"That memory may their deed(s) redeem
When, like our sires, our sons are gone."

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GENEALOGICAL RECORDS
(Corrected to March, 1953)

During the past eight years numerous revisions have been made in the list of descendants of Wilmot and Rebecca (Allen) Wass. We have dealt almost exclusively with the two sons and two daughters who accompanied their parents when they moved from Martha's Vineyard to Pleasant River in 1767. The record is principally of the male line and the daughters deserve more recognition. It should be noted that the order in which the children are listed does not always indicate the order of their birth, as many dates are lacking.

The information presented herewith was compiled from many sources, including the "History of Martha's Vineyard," by Dr. Charles E. Banks, records published in Machias, Maine, papers many years ago by Judge James A. Milliken, of Cherryfield, Maine, correspondence with others interested in Washington County genealogy and with many relatives and friends of the family. Other details were obtained from a study of New England historical and genealogical magazines, church records, cemetery inscriptions, family Bibles, town histories and vital statistics and the printed genealogies of individual allied families. The Daniel S. Wass family emigrated from Addison, Maine, to Iowa in 1855-1856 and much interesting information has been secured from some of their descendants now living in Kansas and South Dakota.

At best, this is only a partial list of the descendants of but two of the twelve children of Wilmot and Rebecca Wass, and Wilmot represents only one branch, though a fruitful one, of the Wasses who have settled in this country. The information has passed through many hands and the inevitability of errors is fully recognized. Nineteenth century New England believed in large families, and in listing the names of perhaps six to fifteen children the omission of a comma may produce much confusion. Vital statistics of towns are frequently incomplete, incorrect or entirely lacking. Tombstone errors abound because of carelessness or ignorance on the part of relatives or of the tombstone manufacturer. The inscribed first name sometimes is an abbreviation, a nickname or the name by which the deceased was best known instead of the full baptismal name or the one used at the time of marriage. Sometimes even the last name is wrong. Ages and dates on these stones may be incorrect. However, in spite of all this, it seems wise to set down what now is available, particularly as some of the early town and private records have already been destroyed or lost. It is hoped that this data may prove of interest and assistance to future generations of our family and that some of those who come after us will undertake a more ambitious genealogy.

THE CHILDREN OF WILMOT AND REBECCA (ALLEN) WASS

1 - ANNE. Baptized at Brattle Street Church, Boston, June 2, 1734, died at Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, March 5, 1803, married, Oct. 12, 1752, Samuel Smith, of Edgartown, son of Samuel and Catherine (Homes) Smith. He was born in June, 1728, d. Oct. 25, 1796. Their children (SMITH):

Samuel, b. 1760, d. Aug. 10, 1838, m. Love Pease Aug. 28,1783.

Ann, b. March 7, 1762, d. April 19, 1821, m. Rev. Joseph Thaxter, July 24, 1803.

Wilmot, b. Feb. 7, 1765, d. April 1, 1852, unmarried.

Rebecca, b. 1767, d. July 27, 1832, m. William Butler Sept. 13, 1792.

2 - MARGARET. Baptized at Brattle Street Church Feb. 8, 1735/6, d. 1818, burial at Charlemont, Mass., m., Nov. 17, 1757, Paine Mayhew, of Chilmark, M.V., son of Thomas and Lydia (Lothrop) Mayhew. He also died in 1818. Children (MAYHEW):

Freeborn, b. Aug. 23, 1758, d. July 4, 1824, m. Hannah Skiff, had five children. Was a Revolutionary soldier. Residences Goshen and Charlemont.

Constant, b. Oct. 17, 1759, d. Dec. 7, 1727, m..... .....; Was a Revolutionary soldier. Residence Williamsburg, Mass.

William, b. Jan. 13, 1761, m. Susanna Strong.

Wilmot, b. Aug. 11, 1762.

Arnold, b. Oct. 31, 1763, d. April 6, 1830, m. Jerusha White Jan. 6, 1789, had two children. Was a Revolutionary soldier. Residence Williamsburg.

Lothrop, b. July 31, 1765, m. Elizabeth Gilson (?). Residence Williamsburg.

Thomas, b. Nov. 12, 1767.

Lydia, twin with Thomas, m. Shubael Hillman.

Freelove, b. Nov. 29, 1769.

Peggy, b. Jan. 30, 1772.

3 - SARAH. Born Jan. 24, 1737/8, probably at West Tisbury, M.V., death date unknown, m. before April 28, 1755, Samuel Osborn, b. about 1732, son of Samuel and Keziah (Butler) Osborn. The family eventually settled in Nova Scotia. Children (OSBORN):

Sarah, m. Nov. 24, 1774, Charles Skinner, at "Passamaquoddy."

Ann, m. Nov. 20, 1777, William Allen Chipman, son of Handley and Jane (Allan) Chipman, at Cornwallis, Nova Scotia. Their children included three sons and three daughters. William Allen Chipman's mother was a sister of Rebecca (Allen) Wass. Many of the Chipmans were prominent in business, professional and political life. For more information about this energetic and prolific family see the Chipman genealogy.

Wilmot Osborn, m. (1)Lydia Kinsman, June 17, 1800 and he m. (2) Sarah Masters, March 7, 1810.

Samuel and Sarah (Wass) Osborn may have had other children.

4 - WILMOT, JR. (WILMOT II). Born 1740, death date unknown, m. (1) Lucy Strout, probably daughter of Christopher Strout II, at Falmouth (Portland), May 8, 1762. They accompanied his parents to Pleasant River in 1767. Children: Wilmot III, Christopher, William, James, John, Lucy and Mary.

He m. (2) Rebecca Jordan, probably dau. of Ebenezer and Rebecca (Brown) Jordan, of Harrington, Maine. Children: Joseph, David, Anna, Daniel, Stillman, Rebecca and Betsey. Rebecca (Jordan) Wass d. Dec. 12, 1837, aged 78, burial in the Hill Cemetery, Addison, Maine.

5 - JOHN. Born 1742, died 1744.

6 - DAVID MOORE. Born 1744, d. Jan. 29, 1827, burial at Columbia, Maine, m. Abigail Nash, dau. of Joseph and Susanna (Shaw) Nash. She was b. in 1757 and d. April 9, 1847. David was a Revolutionary soldier. Children: Rebecca, Aaron, Susanna S. Margaret M. and Levi.

7 -JOHN. Born 1746, date of death unknown, m. about 1768, Catherine Norton, dau. of Solomon and Deborah (Smith) Norton, of Edgartown, M.V. Catherine was b. Oct. 20, 1744.

John accompanied his parents to Pleasant River, soon returned to Martha's Vineyard, where he lived at Edgartown, later moved to Hebron, Conn., and finally to Washington County, New York. Children:

Anna, b. Dec. 29, 1769, m., December, 1794, Alvin Griswold, who was b. Oct. 24, 1768, d. Oct. 9, 1822. A descendant of Anna is Dwight Palmer Griswold, Governor of Nebraska, 1940-1944, and in March, 1953, is U.S. Senator from Nebraska. See the Griswold genealogy for further information.

Wilmot, b. May 12, 1771, d. 1774.

Deborah, b. Jan. 12, 1775, d. July 3, 1860, m, Feb. 17, 1793, Rufus Griswold, brother of Alvin; Rufus b. March 8, 1773, d. Aug. 13, 1862. Rufus and Deborah became the parents of Rufus Wilmot Griswold, poet and editor.

Rebecca, b. Feb. 8, 1777, m. Asa Willey Jan. 1, 1798.

Elizabeth, b. Aug. 20, 1778, m. Apollos Rolls.

Mary, b. June 25, 1780.

John, b. Feb. 3, 1783.

Allen, b. April 8, 1787.

8 - HOMES. Born 1748, d. before 1777, m. at Edgartown, Oct. 20, 1768, Sarah Mayhew, of Nantucket, dau. of Matthew and Phebe (Manning) Mayhew. Sarah was b. Oct. 7, 1750. Children:

William, b. 1769, d. April, 1794. in Virginia

Homes, Jr., b. 1771, d. Nov. 2, 1797, m., July 7, 1796, Polly Newell, of Boston.

Mrs. Sarah (Mayhew) Wass m. (2) Jonathan Pease, Jan. 19, 1777. She d. Nov. 1, 1810.

9 - MARY. Born Oct. 10, 1752, d. March 12, 1836, m., Oct. 29, 1772, John Coffin, of Edgartown, son of John and Hepzibah (Lambert) Coffin. He was b. March 3, 1746/7 and d. July 1, 1819.

Children (COFFIN):
Rebecca, b. June 4, 1774, m. William Jernegan, Jan. 31, 1830.
David, b. July 9, 1776, m. Eunice Prebble, Jan. 15, 1823.
Uriah, b. April 8, 1778, m. (1) Susan Nye, in 1805, and (2) Abigail Cooke, Feb. 14, 1830.
Holmes (or Homes), b. Sept. 20, 1780, m. Lydia Russell.
John, b. Jan. 21, 1783, m. Harriet Baylies Sept. 20, 1821.
Mary, b. July 31, 1786, m. William Nash, Sept. 2, 1805.
Wilmot, b. Nov. 27, 1788, d. Sept. 22, 1830, unmarried.
Jared, b. Aug. 15, 1790, m. Sarah Baylies Jan. 14, 1819.

10 - ELIZABETH ("BETSEY"). Born Sept. 13, 1757, d. Sept. 23, 1844, accompanied her parents to Pleasant River and m., Sept. 24, 1773, Joseph Nash, Jr., son of Joseph and Susanna (Shaw) Nash. He was b. at Braintree, Mass., July 14, 1750, and d. April 15, 1839. Both are buried in the Hill Cemetery, Addison. Children (NASH):
Holmes, b. Aug. 9, 1774, m. Mary Drisko Sept. 26, 1796.
Joseph, b. Dec. 2, 1775, m. Lydia Noonan.
William, b. May 21, 1780, m., Sept. 2, 1805, his cousin, Mary Coffin, dau. of John and Mary (Wass) Coffin.

11 - REBECCA. Baptized Nov. 30, 1760. No other information. The above birth date is given by Charles E. Banks in his History of Martha's Vineyard. mar.(?) — Chapman of St. Stephen, N.B.

12 - JANE. Born Aug. 18, 1761, d. Dec. 28, 1853, burial at Columbia, Maine, m. at Machias, Maine, Jan. 18, 1780, Matthew Coffin, son of Richard and Mary (Cook) Coffin. Matthew b. at Edgartown about 1756, came to Pleasant River about 1768 and d. June 17, 1830. Children (COFFIN):
Matthew, b. 1781, m. Lydia Whitten in 1801.
Richard, b. about 1783, d. Jan. 27, 1871, m. Hannah Whitten.
Elisha, b. about 1785, d. Aug. 14, 1871, m. Rebecca Drisko.
David, m. Hannah, dau. of Abraham Nash.
Benjamin C., m. Lucy S. Wass, dau. of William and Anna (Bucknam) Wass. Lucy b. Feb. 23, 1799, d. Aug. 4, 1870.
Susan, b. 1789, d. June 9, 1868, m. Joseph, son of Wilmot II and Rebecca (Jordan) Wass.
Abigail, b. 1790, m. (1) [illegible] Tucker, (2) James Crowley and (3) .... Leighton.
Polly, b. 1795, m. Joel Hall.
Betsey, b. 1797, m. Samuel Small.
Permelia, b. 1800, m. Adolphus Corthell.
Sarah, b. 1803, d. March 15, 1834, m. Simeon Hall.
Miriam P., b. Nov. 28, 1805, d. March 7, 1868, m., Dec. 20, 1825, William Wass II, son of William(I) and Anna (Bucknam) Wass.

DESCENDANTS OF WILMOT WASS II AND LUCY (STROUT) WASS

WILMOT III

1 - Married (1) at First Congregational Church, Scarboro, Maine, Nov. 21, 1788, Wealthea Dyer, dau. of Lemuel and Wealthea (Jordan) Dyer, of Portland and Cape Elizabeth and granddaughter of Henry Dyer, Sr., of Portland. Children: Lemuel D.; Holmes; Nathaniel Jones ("Jones"); Otis; Rebecca; Robert; Catherine.
He m. (2) Mrs. Phebe Coffin, widow of John. Child: Sophia.

Lemuel D. Wass, son of Wilmot III, b. 1790, d.1852, m. Sarah ("Sally") Miller, dau. of Robert and Martha ("Patty") (Haycock) Miller, who was b. Aug. 12, 1790. Children: Louisa, Betsey, Jones and Robert.

Louisa, dau. of Lemuel D. Wass, m. Andrew Tabbutt. Children (TABBUTT): Holmes, m. Nancy Wass; Horace, m. Elmira Donovan; Sarah, m. Crawford Wass; Salome, m. Charles Donovan.

Betsey, dau. of Lemuel D., married another Lemuel D. Wass, son of Christopher. (See Lemuel D.).

Jones, son of Lemuel D., b. 1818, d. 1896, m. (Mrs.) Eliza Merritt, who was b. 1828, d. 1894. No children.

Robert M., son of Lemuel D., b. 1820, m. Delia Merritt, who was b. 1820. Child: Charles, b. 1846. (A Charles Wass m. a Lizzie A. Smith, at Harrington, Feb. 24, 1881.)

Holmes Wass, son of Wilmot III, m. Betsey Plummer, dau. of Moses. Children: Rebecca, Julia, Emma, Elizabeth, Loraine, Almira and Charles S.

Rebecca m. John Plummer, son of Jeremiah. Four children.

Julia A., m. (1) Uriah Wass and (2) William Freeman Wass, both sons of James.

Emma C., of Harrington, b. Sept. 22, 1819, d. about 1916, m. about 1863, Frederick White, of Harrington, where he died. He was a son of Noah and Almira (White) White, who were m. in 1831. Noah said to have been born in New Hampshire in 1798, and his wife born at Addison March 4, 1810.

Loraine died young.

Elizabeth B. m. (Int.) Oct. 18, 1845, Christopher Curtis, son of Christopher.

Almira W., m. Henry Hamilton, of North Searsport, Maine, Oct. 1, 1848.

Charles S., m. (Int.) Jan. 16, 1855, Louisa Ramsdell, dau. of Jesse. Children: John P. and Gilbert.

John P. Wass, son of Charles S., b. Aug. 16, 1862, d. Oct. 18, 1939, m. Mrs. Lulu (Leighton) Austin. Children: George Artelle; Elmer; Arthur Leighton; Herbert Allen; Bessie; Norman Ward; Vernon.

George Artelle, son of John P., b. at Addison, m. at Leominster, Mass., Aug. 3, 1909, Anna L. Smith, dau. of Charles H. and Idell (Woodis) Smith. Children: Helen L.; Mildred; Beverly. Helen L. m. Charles A. Sayles at Leominster, Oct. 9, 1937. Mildred was unmarried in 1947. Beverly m. George E. Douglass Nov. 4, 1944.

Arthur L., son of John P., b. at Addison, m. at Leominster Nov. 12, 1912, Bernice Lillian Wheeler, dau. of George F. and Ella J. (Huckins) Wheeler. Child, Shirley Elizabeth, who m. at Ashby, Mass., John P. Brewer, Jr.

Herbert A., b. at Addison, m. Christine B. Stowe, dau. of Harry W. and Josephine (Valincourt) Stowe. One son, David, b. in Leominster.

Norman W., son of John P., b. at Addison, m., Dec. 14, 1923, L'Oretta Cecelia Lauzon at Keene, N.H., dau. of Honore M. and Maria (Le Clere) Lauzon. A dau., Marilyn Claire, b. at Leominster.

Gilbert Wass, son of Charles S., m. Lillian Dickson, of Milbridge, Maine. Children: Charles T. and Russell D. Both married. Russell D. had at least one son.

Nathaniel Jones Wass, son of Wilmot III, name sometimes written "N. Jones," but commonly referred to as "Jones." Born July 25, 1796, d. Nov. 22, 1876, m. Lois Look, dau. of Moses and Mrs. Martha ("Patty") (Haycock) Miller Look. She was b. Nov. 1, 1796, and d. Sept. 29, 1883. N. Jones and Lois were m. Feb. 18, 1818, by Daniel Look. Children: Wealthea ("Wealthy"); Moses L.; Martha Ann; Phebe C.; Louisa L.; Catherine W.; Joseph W.; Eunice R.; Susanna E.

Wealthea Wass, dau. of N. Jones, b. Dec. 22, 1821, d. Aug. 21, 1878, m. (Int.) Oct. 26, 1841, William Henry Ramsdell, son of Freedom. Children (RAMSDELL): Cordelia; Nancy; Laura; Horace; Warren; William; A. Lincoln.

Moses L. Wass, son of N. Jones, b. Oct. 28, 1822, d. Sept. 30, 1906, m. (1) Mary Jane Wass, dau. of John and Margaret (Frankland) Wass. Margaret was a native of New Brunswick. Mary Jane ~~was b. June 20, 1824 and~~ d. July 1, 1868. Children: Arabella; Margaret L.; Harriet H.; Jennie C.; Josephine L.

Moses L. Wass m. (2) Lydia B. Bracy, who was b. 1851 and d.1926. Children: Moses L., Jr.; Arabella V.; Jones E.

Arabella Wass, dau. of Moses L., b. 1848, d. 1873, m. (Int.) January 12, 1869, William H. Perry. Child (PERRY): Winfield M., who m. Grace Ramsdell, dau. of Warren.

Margaret L., m., May 4, 1872, Horace M. Leighton, son of Levi. Children (LEIGHTON): Lucy May, b. July 3, 1879; Frank Horace, b. Aug. 10, 1881; Josephine Wass, b. ~~July~~ 15, 1885, d. 6-18-1960.

Harriet H., dau. of Moses L., m. Elisha D. Wass, son of Enos. No children. Harriet b. 1854, d. 1929.

Jennie C., b. 1857, d. 1926, m. William H. Perry, whose first wife was her sister, Arabella. Child (PERRY) Harriott L., who m. Everett M. Grant.

Josephine L., dau. of Moses L., b. Sept. 11, 1861, d. Oct. 13, 1914, m., July 31, 1881, Henry W. Bucknam, son of James L. and Amelia (Chandler) Bucknam. Henry was b. Sept. 1, 1853, d. March 15, 1901. No children.

Moses L. Wass, Jr., son of Moses L., b. July 12, 1874, d. Jan. 30, 1921, unmarried.

Arabella V. Wass, dau. of Moses L., m. George Leighton. Child (LEIGHTON) Herbert.

Jones Everett Wass, son of Moses L., m. Winifred H. Leighton, dau. of H. M. and Velma (McKenzie) Leighton. Children: Lester and Henry. Jones was born April 2, 1881 and d. March 12, 1956. He m. Winifred Leighton Jan. 23, 1904.

Lester Wass, son of Jones E., m. Emma Farnsworth, of Denver, Colorado. Children: Lester and Julia.

Henry Wass, son of Jones E., m. Thirza Chandler, of Farmington, Maine. Children: Patricia; Leighton; Audrey; Janet.

Martha Ann Wass, dau. of N. Jones, b. Nov. 26, 1825, d. Oct. 19, 1908, m. Moses Merritt, son of Richard. Moses was b. about 1817. Children (MERRITT): Louisa, b. 1846; Adella N.; Alfred W.

Phebe C. Wass, dau. of N. Jones, b. Jan. 10, 1828, d. July 13, 1875, m. Dimick Wass, son of Henry. Children: (See Dimick).

Louisa L. Wass, dau. of N. Jones, b. June 25, 1830, d. Sept. 11, 1885, m. Edward F. Wass, son of John and grandson of James. Children: (See Edward F.)

Catherine W. Wass, dau. of N. Jones, b. 1833 or 1834, d. April 6, 1900, m Oramander Drisko, son of Jeremiah and Ann (Frankland) Drisko. Children (DRISKO): Fred H. and Alonzo B. (b. 1866, d. 1959?)

Fred H. Drisko m. 12-14-1861 Eva A. Wass, dau. of Joseph W. Children (DRISKO): Burton I., b. 1885, d. 1911; Arthur H., b. 1888, m. Edith Elliott; Alice S., b. 1891;; Katherine W., b. 1893, m. Paul Swaffield.

Alonzo B. Drisko m. May Philbrick. Children (DRISKO): Harold P. and Helen.

Joseph W. Wass, son of N. Jones, b. Aug. 4, 1835, d. Oct. 5, 1898, m. Susan C. Look, dau. of Aaron. She was b. 1838, d. Dec. 24, 1890. Children: Eva A., d. April 6, 1947, m. 12-14-1861 Fred H. Drisko, son of Oramander; Irving; Elmer W.

Irving Wass, son of Joseph W., m. Emma Wright. Children: Joseph; Fred; Julian.

Joseph Wass, son of Irving, m. Katherine Hughes. Children: Katherine, m. .... Weston; Ruth, m. .... Lyden.

Fred Wass, son of Irving, m. Clara Collicotte. Child: Jennie, m. George Oberlanade, Jr.

Julian Wass, son of Irving, m. Mary Lake, of Framingham, Mass.

Eunice R. Wass, dau. of N. Jones, b. Oct. 9, 1838, d. July 31, 1919, m. in April, 1862, John Adams Colson, son of Samuel.

Children (COLSON): Frances; Ida B.; George B.; Margaret W.; Phebe W.; Ira; Charles E.

Susanna E. Wass, dau. of N. Jones, b. May 22, 1841, d. June 30, 1925, m., June 30, 1860, Horace A. Hinkley, son of Aaron. Children (HINKLEY): Annie M. and Carrie L.

Otis Wass, son of Wilmot Wass III, m. Melintha Dyer. Children: Eliza A.; Lucretia; Ambrose; Ansel D.
Eliza A. married in California. Ambrose m. Lydia A. Irons. Lucretia married in California. Ansel Dyer Wass m. in Boston. Distinguished himself in the Civil War.

Rebecca Wass, dau. of Wilmot III, m. Shepard McCaslin May 14, 1818, d. June 13, 1823. No children.

Robert Wass, son of Wilmot III, b. about 1802, d. May 1, 1868, m. Mrs. Annie (Allen) Small, who was b. 1803 and d. May 3, 1880. Children: Ira; Gilman; Julia M.; Mary H.; Llewellyn; Lorenzo.
Ira S. Wass, son of Robert, b. 1831, m. Louisa Reed, of Gloucester, Mass. Children: Ernest; Leeman; Preston Otis.

Ernest Howard Wass, son of Ira S., b. 1856 or 1857, d. 1943, m. (1) Sarah Clark, of Gloucester, and (2) Mary Alice Merritt, of Addison. Children: Hilliard H.; Eleanor I. ("Ella"); m. ..... Poland; Bertha, m..... Harding.

Leeman D. Wass, son of Ira S., m. Genevieve Frost, of Cambridge, Mass. Child: Edith, m. Lloyd C. Hubbard.

Preston Otis Wass, son of Ira S., m. Effie Merchant. She d. Sept. 17, 1951. Children: Roland M.; Pauline; Louise; Preston Otis, Jr.

Roland M. Wass, son of Preston Otis, m. .... Johnson. Child: Richard. Roland died in 1942.
Pauline Wass, dau. of Preston Otis, m. .... Parsons. Child: (PARSONS): Story. Pauline d. in 1940.
Louise Wass, dau. of Preston Otis, m. Gustave A. Johnson. Children (JOHNSON): Herbert; Margaret; Louise M.; Robert; Mildred.

Gilman C. Wass, son of Robert, b. 1833, m. Susan M. Stevens, of Steuben, Maine. Children: Harry S.; Roscoe S.; Robert B.; Albert G.; Lorenzo R.

Harry S. Wass, son of Gilman C., m. Vesta Norton. Children: Leo F., m. Ethel Higgins and had child, Leola. Susan C., dau. of Harry S., m. William R. Thompson and had several children.

Roscoe S. Wass, son of Gilman C., m. Sadie B. Griffin. Children: Luella G. and Julia N.

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Robert B. Wass, son of Gilman C., m. Elizabeth Tabbutt. Note Children: Gladys G. and Robert B., Jr. Robert B., Jr., m. ~~Lola~~ Lakeman and had children Betty Jane and Robert.

Albert G. Wass, son of Gilman C., m. Elvina Hall. Children: Charles H.; Effie; Mary O.; June; Una. Charles H. did not marry; Effie unmarried; Mary O. m. REED ....; June m. SILVER ..; Una, m. Leslie Crowley.

Lorenzo Roy Wass, son of Gilman C., m. Elizabeth (Tabbutt) Wass, widow of his brother, Robert B. No children.

Julia M. Wass, dau. of Robert, b. 1835, d. Sept. 8, 1906, m. (1) Elbridge Friend, of Gloucester, Mass., and (2) Albert Carpenter, of Boston.

Mary H. Wass, dau. of Robert, b. 1839, m. Willard Donnell, of Wells, Maine.

Llewellyn B. Wass, son of Robert, b. at Addison, 1842, m. at Stoneham, Mass., in 1872, Amelia Jane Sears, who was b. at Botsford, N. B., Sept. 24, 1849, dau. of Frederic and Catherine (Keough) Sears.

Lorenzo A. Wass, son of Robert, b. 1844, m. Elizabeth Cook, of Halifax, N.S. Children: Lester S.; Homer L.; Lena M.; Frances F.; Lucy.

Lester S. Wass, son of Lorenzo A., b. June 25, 1886. Killed in action in France in 1918, unmarried. An American Legion post in Gloucester, Mass., is named in his honor.

Homer L. Wass, son of Lorenzo A., m. Annie Hinkley, of Gloucester, Mass. No children.

Lena M. Wass, dau. of Lorenzo A., b. in Gloucester 1876 or 1877, d. in Gloucester, April, 1945.

Frances F. Wass, dau. of Lorenzo A., b. Jan. 3, 1873, d. June, 1944, m. Jeremiah Foster, of Gloucester. Children (FOSTER): Harriet B., m. Alton R. Taylor; Lena M.; Elizabeth W., m. John F. Schereschewsky.

Lucy Wass, dau. of Lorenzo A., m. .... Greenleaf.

Catherine Wass, dau. of Wilmot Wass III. No further record.

Sophia Wass, dau. of Wilmot Wass III and his second wife, Phebe (Coffin) Wass, m. Nathaniel S. ..... Stockbridge of Harrington, Me.

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DESCENDANTS OF WILMOT WASS II AND LUCY (STROUT) WASS

2 - CHRISTOPHER. Married at Machias, Maine, April 7, 1791, Polly Dyer, dau. of Lemuel and Wealthea (Jordan) Dyer, and sister of the Wealthea who married Wilmot III. Children: Henry; Sewell;

Ellis; Christopher; Lemuel D.; Jane; Sophia; Nabby; Wealthea; Lucy; Polly; Nancy.

Henry Wass, son of Christopher, b. July 7, 1792, d. May 31, 1841, m., May 30, 1815, Susan Brown, who was b. Jan. 2, 1797. Children: William H.; Warren; Alfred; Dimmick; James; Edwin; Sewell; Caroline.

William Henry Wass, son of Henry, b. Nov. 14, 1817, d. March 6, 1857, m., Feb. 18, 1841, Sarah Sawyer, dau. of Joseph. She was b. 1821. Children: Almida and Everett L.

Almida Wass, dau. of William Henry, b. 1842, m. ~~Preston~~ Wm Prescott Allen. Children (ALLEN): Melville, who m. Blanche Look; Harry.

Everett L. Wass, son of William Henry, b. 1844, m. Mary Lawrence. Children: Bela and William H.

Bela Wass, son of Everett L., m. Effie McDevitt. Children: Everett Langdon, b. June 5, 1895, d. Feb. 10, 1920; Carroll E.; Carolyn L.

William H. Wass, son of Everett L., m. A. Marie McHatton. Children: Lawrence T.; Helen M.; Mary E.; Frances E.; A. Elner.

Warren Wass, son of Henry, b. Feb. 11, 1821, m. (1), July 21, 1842, Cyrene Merritt, dau. of David. Cyrene was b. 1822. Children: Mary E., b. 1845; Amanda A., b. Feb. 20, 1847, d. at Ellsworth, Maine, Jan. 1, 1927, m. John H. Austin at Addison, Nov. 26, 1865; Caroline, b. 1849; Oravilla; Annie; A son.

Warren Wass m. (2) Josephine Longfellow. Children: Handy, m. Sarah Pratt. Handy and Sarah had a son, Warren, who m. .... and had five sons. The other children of Warren and Josephine were James, m. ....; Cora, m. .... Ansel; Alice, m. .... Cloutman.

Alfred Wass, son of Henry, b. Jan. 28, 1823, m. (1), Oct. 5, 1843, Charity Merritt, dau. of Richard, who was b. 1824. Children: Ennis W.; Norman; Edgar F.; Elva; Jennie.

Alfred m. (2) Elizabeth Lowe. Children: Alfred S.; Sarah M.

Ennis W. Wass, son of Alfred, b. 1844, m. Rhodel Wright. Children: Fred M. and Clifton E.

Fred M. Wass, son of Ennis W., b. May, 1873, d. 1929., ~~Children~~: m. Gertrude E. Norton, who was b. 1872, d. 1927. Children: Raymond C. and Harold.

Raymond C. Wass, son of Fred M., m. Mildred Bisbee. Their two children: Anita Rivers Wass m. Chandler Burpee, Jr. and had two children, Carol Anita and Ann Shepherd; Carol Wass, m. Donald Cox and has son, Donald, Jr. Raymond C. Wass d. May 26, 1961, at age 64, burial at Gorham, N.H.

Harold Wass, son of Fred M., m. Dorothy Patriquin. Child: Richard.

Clifton E. Wass, son of Ennis, did not marry.

Norman Wass, son of Alfred, m. Annie Stevens. Child: Ethel, m. Joseph A. Gainard. Ethel d. in 1949, aged 58.

Edgar F. Wass, son of Alfred, b. 1846, m. Elvena H. Batson.

Elva Wass, dau. of Alfred, no further record.

Jennie M. Wass, dau. of Alfred, m. as his first wife, Justin R. Noyes, April 18, 1885. Justin was b. Feb. 15, 1862, son of William T. and Mary (Wass) Noyes. Child: Grace C. Justin m. (2) Mae Wood.

Alfred S. Wass, son of Alfred by his second wife, Elizabeth Lowe, married but had no children. Sarah M., dau. of Alfred by his second wife, also married. No further record.

Dimmick Wass, son of Henry, b. July 11, 1824, m., Dec. 29, 1846, Phebe Wass, dau. of N. Jones. Children: Jones Henry and two daughters (one named Ella).

Jones Henry Wass, son of Dimmick, b. 1848, m. Louisa Eva Bishop, who was b. at Addison Jan. 7, 1853, dau. of Thomas and Jane (Tompkins) Bishop. Thomas was b. in Manchester, England. Jones Henry and Louisa had a daughter, Lillian, who m. George L. Cushing.
Louisa (Bishop) Wass m. (2) Benjamin M. Ingersoll.

Ella and her sister, daughters of Dimmick, both m. Amaziah Brown.

James Campbell Wass, son of Henry, b. May 19, 1826, m., Dec. 6, 1847, Adelina F. Batson, dau. of Stephen. Children: Herbert James; Christiana; Marcella Caroline.

Herbert James Wass, son of James Campbell, m. Etta Colson, of Cherryfield and was lost at sea Aug. 17, 1888. Child: Herbert L. Etta (Colson) Wass m. (2) Lorenzo Whitten, of Steuben.

Christiana Wass, dau. of James Campbell, m. Cyrus Eldon, of Buxton, Maine.
Marcella Caroline Wass, dau. of James Campbell, b. at Harrington June 28, 1849, m., Feb. 19, 1870, Nathaniel M. Ingersoll, son of William II.

Edwin R. Wass, son of Henry, b. Feb. 13, 1829, m., March 10, 1853, Elizabeth Burns, of Portland. Children: Hervey H.; William E George H.; Dora S.; Flora B.; Nettie C.

Hervey H. Wass, son of Edwin R., b. June, 1874, m. Mabel Crowley, dau. of B. W. and Orrie (Church) Crowley. Children: Hazel D. Winona B.; Irwin H.; Philmore B.; Arnold B.
Hazel D. Wass, dau. of Hervey H., m. George Woodward, of Jonesport, Maine, April, 1924. Their children (WOODWARD) are Richard, Barbara and Sheila.
Winona B. Wass, dau. of Hervey H., m. Walter Whitney of Saco, Maine, Sept., 1934.

Children: (WHITNEY): Dale and Paul.
Irwin H. Wass, son of Hervey H., m. Alice La Vere, of Boston, Mass., March, 1940. Children: Wendell and Cynthia.
Philmore B. Wass, son of Hervey H., m. Constance Thomas, Andover, Maine, August, 1942. Children: Stanley and Donald.
Arnold B. Wass, son of Hervey H., m. Cynthia Tibbetts, Bremen, Maine, June, 1947. Children: Dwight and Keith.

William E. Wass, son of Edwin R., m. Margaret B. Joy, dau. of David B. and Rebecca (Leighton) Joy. Children: Gerald Leroy; Clarence; Colby Langdon; Harold David; Nolan; Josephine Drisko (or Drisco).

Gerald Leroy Wass, son of William E., m. Thelma Cooper, of Winterport, Maine. Children: Margaret; Willard and Henry (twins); Carlton; Horace; Delphine; Arnold; Phyllis; Carl and one whose name is unknown.

Clarence Wass, son of William E., m. Avis M. Walker, of Ashland, Maine. Child: Mary Anne, m. Donald Baker, of Portland. Their child, Alysan Rae.

Colby Langdon Wass, son of William E., m. Mrs. Marion (Hews) Forsyth, of Ashland, Maine. Children: Lois and Norma.

Harold David and Nolan Wass, sons of William E., both died young, unmarried.

Josephine D., dau. of William E., m. Charles F. Britt. Children: (BRITT): Nolan, Joyce and Daniel.

George H. Wass, son of Edwin R., m. Nellie C. Crowley, dau. of Jason and Rebecca (Rogers) Crowley. Nellie was b. Oct. 1, 1850, and d. 1942. Children: Mary A.; Gertrude E.; Warren A.
Mary A. m. Porter R. Cummings, Dec. 23, 1899. No children.
Gertrude E. m. Edward T. Merritt. Children (MERRITT): Ruth H.; Carlton Westwood; Virginia Porter.
Warren A. m. Minna Dorr, of Rumford, Maine. No children.

Dora S. Wass, dau. of Edwin R., m. Edgar Crowley. Children (CROWLEY): Milton, m. Isabelle Wass, dau. of Harris.
Clinton, m. Evelyn Carver.
Josephine, m. Ernest Crowley;
Guy, m. Olive Hall.
Miranda, m. James Nash.
Mary, m. Alburton Carter
Jessie, m. Harold Ingersoll
Ansel, m. Albernia Watts.
Noyes, m. Alvira Beal.
Arthur.
Louise, m. (1) Winston Norton and (2) James Clark.
(Total of 11 children).

Flora B. Wass, dau. of Edwin R., m. John B. Wass, son of Nathaniel N. and Clarinda (Nash) Wass. Children: (See John B.)

Nettie C. Wass, dau. of Edwin R., m. William Merritt. Children (MERRITT): Sewall E., m. Mary Whippert; Ray H., m. Marion Russell; Edwin and Elizabeth (twins); Florence, m. C. Hall Baker.

Sewell Wass, son of Henry, b. Oct. 11, 1830, m., Sept. 23, 1854, Louisa Stevens, dau. of Edmund. Louisa was b..... Sewell d. Dec. 30, 1858. No children.

Caroline R. Wass, dau. of Henry, b. Oct. 12, 1816, d. March 17, 1840, m. Abraham Knowles Dec. 3, 1835. No children.

Sewell Wass, son of Christopher, m. Hulda McKenzie. Children: Three who died young, also Margaret.

Margaret Wass, dau. of Sewell, m. (1) Fellows Plummer and (2) Fred Bishop. Both husbands lost at sea. Children by the first marriage (PLUMMER): Lovetus and Laura. The latter m. Vinal D. Wass.

Ellis Wass, son of Christopher, b. 1805, m. Joanna Brown, who was b. ~~1813~~ 1806. This couple were living at Addison in 1890, having been married sixty years. Children: Two sons died young; Catherine; Julia E.; Leona; Harriet; Mary A.; Nancy.

Catherine Wass, dau. of Ellis, m. Zahariah Allen, (Int.) Aug. 24, 1852. Several children (ALLEN).

Julia E. Wass, dau. of Ellis, m. William Cates Dec. 3, 1859. No children.

Leona Wass, dau. of Ellis, m. George Bowles. Children (BOWLES): Josie; Flora; Harvey; Clayton; Elmer E.; Jessie Rena.

Harriet Wass, dau. of Ellis, m. B. Jones Allen. Child (ALLEN): Josephus.

Mary A. Wass, dau. of Ellis, m. Judson Wass, son of Lemuel D. Apparently no children.

Nancy Wass, dau. of Ellis, m. Holmes Tabbutt. Children (TABBUTT): Walter; Zelotus; Winfred; Eugene; Julia.

Christopher Wass II, son of Christopher, m. Louisa Knowles, who was b. 1813. Children: Dency H., b. 1834, d. 1851; Mary L., b. 1836, d. 1851.

Louisa (Knowles) Wass m. (2) Stephen J. McCaslin, in 1843. Children (MCCASLIN): Christopher W., b. 1845; Julia E., b. 1848; Alexander, b. 1849.

Lemuel D. Wass, son of Christopher, m. Betsey Wass, dau. of the Lemuel D. who was a son of Wilmot Wass III. Children: Two sons died young; Mary Sophia; Raymond; Henry; Judson; Miriam; Abby; Nancy; Christopher.

Mary Sophia Wass, dau. of Lemuel D., m. ~~in 1858 or~~ 2-12- 1859, William T. Noyes, who was b. Nov. 5, 1835 or 1836, at Jonesboro, Maine, son of Phineas L. and Lydia (Tibbetts) Noyes. Children (NOYES): Warren L., b. 1860; Justin R., b. Feb. 15, 1862; Addi L., b. Jan. 10, 1864; Howard, b. April 21, 1872; Myra L., b. Feb. 24, 1876.

Raymond Wass, son of Lemuel D., m. Sarah Lennan. After his death she m. (2) Jeremiah Johnson.

Henry Wass, son of Lemuel D. No further record.

Judson Wass, son of Lemuel D., m. (1) Mary A. Wass, dau. of Ellis and Joanna (Brown) Wass. Judson m. (2) Annie E. Dyer, dau. of Joseph and Lydia (Dyer) Dyer. Children: Charles Henry and Harry L.

Charles Henry Wass, son of Judson, b. Sept. 9, 1886, at Cape Elizabeth, d. 1909, m. Eulalia Drisko of Indian River (Addison). She was b. Feb. 9, 1886, d. 1936. Children: Harold, d. young; Charles Henry, d. in infancy; Grace, m. Harold L. Doloff; Bert Juanita, d. young; Loring Judson, killed in France in World War II, unmarried.

Harry L. Wass, son of Judson, b. Nov. 23, 1880, at Cape Elizabeth, m. Mabel Vivian Wilkinson, of Gorham, Maine. Children: Harland, m..... ....; Dessiemond, m. Harold Crowell.

Miriam Wass, dau. of Lemuel D., m. (1) Addi Longfellow. Child: Mertie. Miriam m. (2) Augustus Nash, son of Warren.

Abby Wass, dau. of Lemuel D., m. Oscar Barton. Child (BARTON): Howard.

Nancy Wass, dau. of Lemuel D., never married.

Christopher Wass, son of Lemuel D., b. at Indian River (Addison) in 1849, d. in 1889, m. Mrs. Annie (Hames) West. Children: Edward Hames; Alice and Grace (twins); Lettie.

Edward Hames Wass, son of Christopher, b. Dec. 7, 1873, d. Nov. 12, 1935, m. Eva B. Heigham. Children: Ruth, m. Geo. Jackson; William. Edward served on the faculty of Bowdoin College.

Alice and Grace Wass, daughters of Christopher, were b. at Indian River 1874. Grace d. in infancy; Alice d. in 1945.

Lettie Wass, dau. of Christopher, b. in Boston Sept. 25, 1881, m. L. B. Altaffer.

Alice Wass, dau. of Christopher, b. 1874, d. 1945, m. Elbert Farrington. Children (FARRINGTON): David; Emory, d. unmarried; Grace, m. Raymond A. Rollins; Amy.

Jane Wass, dau. of Christopher I, m. Richard Merritt.

Sophia Wass, dau. of Christopher I, m. Edmund Stevens, of Centerville, Maine. Children (STEVENS): Levi, m. Phebe Andrews; Polly, m. Barna Leighton; Edmund, m. .... Dyer, of Portland; Christopher, m. Susan Caler; Sophia.

Nabby Wass, dau. of Christopher I, m. Moses Plummer, son of Moses, Jr.

Wealthea Wass, dau. of Christopher I, m. Lemuel Dyer, son of Lemuel, and moved to Portland.

Lucy Wass, dau. of Christopher I, b. 1815, m. Abraham McKenzie, who was b. 1816.

Polly Wass, dau. of Christopher I, m. Edmund Stevens, whose first wife was her sister, Sophia. Children (STEVENS): Joseph, m. Amanda Tenney, dau. of Uriah; Louisa, m. (1)Sewell Wass, son of Henry, and (2) James Donnell; Chester Stevens m. (1) .... Boynton and (2) ....; Ellis Stevens d. young.

Nancy Wass, dau. of Christopher I, no further record.

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3 - WILLIAM. Born April 3, 1770, d. at Columbia Falls, Maine, March 19, 1851, m. (1) Dec. 14, 1794, Anna Bucknam, dau. of John and Mary (Wilson) Bucknam. Anna was b. Aug. 21, 1776, and d. Feb. 22, 1809. William was a seacaptain for many years and afterwards kept a public house at Columbia. Children: Otis; John Bucknam; Lucy Strout; Miriam Fagan; William,Jr.; Mary B.; Melissa.
William Wass, Sr., m. (2) Lucy Ward, who was b. Oct. 9, 1790, and d. March 23, 1866. Child: Eliza Ann.

Otis Wass, son of William, Sr., b. Oct. 13, 1795, d. Nov. 12, 1796.

John Bucknam Wass, son of William, Sr., b. Jan. 18, 1797, d. Feb. 27, 1839, m. Nancy Ward. Children: Philander;. Mary Ann; Augusta; Jerome B.; Martha; Caroline.

Philander Wass, son of John Bucknam Wass, d. unmarried.

Mary Ann Wass, dau. of John Bucknam Wass, m. Joseph Mattson of New York.

Augusta Wass, dau. of John B. No further record. Jerome B. Wass, son of John B., married in New York. Martha Wass, dau. of John B., m. Lewis Burnham, son of William. Child (BURNHAM): William.
Caroline Wass, dau. of John Bucknam Wass, d. unmarried.

Lucy Strout Wass, dau. of William, Sr., b. Feb. 23, 1799, d. Aug. 4, 1870, m. in December, 1818, Benjamin C. Coffin, son of Matthew and Jane (Wass) Coffin. Benjamin was b. May 10, 1793. Children (COFFIN): Lucretia Bremer, b. March 26, 1821, d. June, 1882; William Wass, b. Sept. 5, 1823; George Washington, b. July 4, 1825; Enoch Lincoln, b. Sept. 8, 1832, d. Aug. 25, 1834.
Lucretia B. Coffin, dau. of Benjamin, m. James Alphonso Milliken, b. at Hancock, Maine, Sept. 8, 1813, d. at Cherryfield, Maine, July 8, 1891. Mr. Milliken was successively schoolmaster, Universalist clergyman, lawyer and finally Judge of Probate for Washington County, Maine, 1873-1888. He was the author of several historical and genealogical sketches of the County and its residents.

Miriam Fagan Wass, dau. of William, Sr., b. Nov. 2, 1800, m. in 1820, William Snow, son of Ambrose and Frances (Campbell) Snow. Children (SNOW): William W.; Francis C., and a daughter who m. .... Titus.

William Wass, Jr., son of William, b. Aug. 7, 1802, d. ~~Dec. 20~~, May 16, 1870, m. Dec. 20, 1825, Miriam P. Coffin, dau. of Matthew and Jane (Wass) Coffin. Miriam was b. Nov. 28, 1805, d. March 7, 1868.

Children: Lorenzo S., b. Oct. 1, 1826, d. Jan. 8, 1833; Amanda F. A., b. May 1, 1829, d. Aug. 24, 1831; Ellen Amanda, b. July 10, 1836, m. Stephen Smith Nash, son of Oliver and Deborah (Smith) Nash. Mr. Nash was an educator and retained a lifelong interest in the schools of his native town. The Stephen S. Nash School, of Addison village honors his name and perpetuates his memory. Stephen and Ellen Amanda had no children. She d. in Boston, Dec. 2, 1909.

Mary B. Wass, dau. of William, Sr., b. Oct. 18, 1804, d. May, 1837, m. John Ward, of Mt. Desert, Nov., 1831. No children.

Melissa Wass, dau. of William, Sr., b. June 21, 1807, d. March 30, 1809.

Eliza Ann Wass, dau. of William, Sr., by his second wife, Lucy (Ward) Wass, b. Nov. 2, 1812, d. Sept. 17, 1884, m. Gowen Wilson at Columbia, Maine, Sept., 1833. He was b. Oct. 20, 1807, and d. May 16, 1883. Children (WILSON): Lucy H., m. John H. Crandon; Mary Almira, b. Nov. 3, 1834; Frances E., b. Oct. 3, 1848.

Gowen Wilson was a son of Gowen and Mary (Plummer) Wilson, grandson of Gowen Wilson, b. Mar. 5, 1767, and great-grandson of Joseph Wilson, b. July 5, 1725, at Kittery, Maine, and d. Dec. 22, 1796, at Addison, Maine, where he was one of the early settlers on the west side of the river. A Gowen Wilson, b. 1618, appears in the Kittery, Maine, records of 1652. His unusual first name appeared in numerous succeeding generations, including several of the Washington County Wilsons.

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4 - JAMES. Born Dec. 20, 1774, m. May 9, 1797, Ann or Anna Dyer, of Portland, who was b. June 14, 1779. Children: John; Alexander Harris; William Freeman; Uriah; Enos D.; Sally; Frances;. Sylvina A.; Apatha; Salome; Pamelia; Chipman.

John Wass, son of James, b. April 14, 1798, d. Oct. 2, 1853, m., Dec. 27, 1821, Margaret Ross Frankland, of Grand Manan, New Brunswick. She was b. in New Brunswick (probably St. Andrews) Nov. 22, 1800, d. March 18, 1897, and lies with her husband and mother in the Hill Cemetery, Addison. See Frankland article at the end of these genealogical records. Children: Mary Jane; Edward F.; Loring B.; Priscilla Amanda.

Mary Jane Wass, dau. of John, b. Dec. 17, 1823, d. July 1, 1868, m. Moses L. Wass, son of N. Jones. Children: (See Moses L.)

Edward F. Wass, son of John, b. Nov. 2, 1826, d. Feb. 23, 1893, m. Louisa L. Wass, dau. of N. Jones. Edward and Louisa are buried in the old Dyer's Point Cemetery, West Side of Pleasant River, Addison. Children: Ada; Cecil Preston; Mary L.; John; Katie C.

Ada Wass, dau. of Edward F., b. Feb. 24, 1853, d. Oct. 7, 1877, m. J. Henry Leighton, of Addison. No children. Burial in old Dyer's Point Cemetery, West Side, Addison.

Cecil Preston Wass, son of Edward F., b. at Addison Feb. 4, 1855, d. Dec. 6, 1939, in the room in which he was born, m. at Harrington, Maine, July 20, 1878, Sybil Hutchings Rich, of Milbridge, Maine, dau. of Jones T. and Mrs. Eliza (McCaleb) Strout Rich. Sybil was b. at Milbridge Dec. 9, 1859, and d. at Addison Aug. 27, 1935. Burial in the Hill Cemetery, Addison. Children: Walter Preston; Ossian Edward; Harold Stanley.

Walter Preston Wass, son of Cecil P., b. at Addison Feb. 18, 1884, m. at Mount Vernon, Washington, March 23, 1910, Celia May Wright, dau. of James A. and Carrie E.C. (Spinney) Wright. Celia was b. at Bath, Maine, May 24, 1889. Children: Edith Winnifred and Stanley Foster.

Edith W. Wass, dau. of Walter P., b. in Seattle, Wash., March 22, 1912, m. at Buffalo, N.Y., Nov. 11, 1939, Rodney Burnett Kohler, son of Francis U. and Lillie (Swarthout) Kohler.

Stanley F. Wass, son of Walter P., b. in Seattle April 29, 1914, m. in Buffalo July 27, 1940, Ruth Alice Manter, b. Oct. 4, 1914, dau. of George E. and Edna (Collamer) Manter. George E. was b. Aug. 7, 1876, d. July 17, 1952. Edna b. Aug. 18, 1886.

Edward Preston Wass, son of Stanley F., was b. May 11, 1943.

Katherine Banner Wass, dau. of Stanley F., b. March 2, 1945.

Margaret Celia Wass, dau. of Stanley Foster Wass, b. Aug. 4,1949.

Ossian Edward Wass, son of Cecil P., b. at Addison, Nov. 29, 1893, d. Nov. 10, 1895, burial in the Hill Cemetery, Addison.

Harold Stanley Wass, son of Cecil P., b. at Addison Oct. 21, 1900, m. at Arlington, Mass., April 17, 1926, Helen Irene Lockhart, dau. of George E. and Harriett (Gruber) Lockhart. Helen was b. Sept. 15, 1901, d. Oct. 26, 1952, burial at Winchester, Mass. Children: Harold, Jr.; Marjorie Lois; Winifred Irene.

John Wass, son of Edward F., b. May 19, 1865, d. June 13, 1876. Burial in old Dyer's Point Cemetery, West Side, Addison.

Mary L. Wass, dau. of Edward F., b. at Addison Feb. 25, 1860, d. at Newport, N.H., Dec. 19,1937, burial at North Newport, N.H. She m. at Addison Dec. 31, 1885, Ossian Guthrie Osgood, of East Baldwin, Maine, son of Andrew and Lois (Gray) Osgood. Ossian was b. at Castine, Maine, June 24, 1858, and d. at Newport, N.H., Feb. 13, 1925. No children.

Katie Coffin Wass, dau. of Edward F., b. at Addison Dec. 24, 1871, d. Oct. 2, 1946, in the room in which she was born, burial in the Hill Cemetery, Addison. She m. Oct. 9, 1893, Charles Birch Banner, of Ipswich, Mass., son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Birch) Banner. Thomas was b. in England Feb. 9, 1819 and d. in Massachusetts March 15, 1897. His wife was b. in England Jan. 26, 1836, and d. in Massachusetts Sept. 14, 1915.

Katie C. and Charles B. Banner had no children.

Loring B. Wass, son of John, b. March 5, 1829, d. March 21, 1899, m. Jane Cole, who was b. 1830 and d. Jan. 8, 1921. No children.

Priscilla Amanda Wass, dau. of John, b. June 9, 1833, d. Feb. 20, 1837.

Alexander Harris Wass, son of James, b. 1802, m. Eunice Dyer, who was b. 1803 and d. 1865. Children: Alexander Harris, Jr.; Andrew D.; Freeman, d. unmarried; Dixon, d. unmarried; Reuben F.

Alexander Harris Wass, Jr., son of Alexander Harris, Sr., m. Elizabeth Dyer, dau. of William Vinal.

Andrew D. Wass, son of Alexander Harris, Sr., m. Marietta White, dau. of Noah and Almira(White) White. Andrew and Marietta were living in California about 1900. They had at least two children: Dyson and Fred.

William Freeman Wass, son of James, m. (1) .... Gilman, of Augusta, and (2) Julia A., widow of his brother, Uriah.

Uriah Wass, son of James, m. (Int.) Dec. 12, 1838, Julia Ann Wass, dau. of Holmes and Betsey (Plummer) Wass.

Enos D. Wass, son of James, b. 1821, d. May 26, 1882. He m. (1)Lydia H. Cole, who was b. May 12, 1823, and d. Feb. 23, 1857. Children: Evelana; Truman; Frances C.; Uriah; Elisha D.; Elmira (Myra J.).

Enos D. m. (2) Julia A. Farnsworth, dau. of Amasa. She was b. 1842, d. 1924. Children: Freeman; Nellie A.; Harris W.

Julia (Farnsworth) Wass m. (2) William Henry Merritt.

Evelana Wass, dau. of Enos D., m. F. Marion Drisko, son of Judah and Lucy (Plummer) Drisko. Children (DRISKO): Walter W.; Sophia S.; Fred M.; John J.

Truman Wass, son of Enos D., d. in the navy, unmarried.

Frances C., dau. of Enos D., m. John T. Ross.

Uriah Wass, son of Enos D. No further record.

Elisha D. Wass, son of Enos D., b. 1852, d. 1941, m. Harriet H. Wass, dau. of Moses L. She was b. 1854, d. 1929. No children.

Elmira (Myra J.) Wass, dau. of Enos D., b. 1854, d. 1928, m., Dec. 21, 1872, Eli W. Look, son of Peter. Eli was b. 1846, d. 1910. Child (LOOK): Harry L.

Freeman Wass, son of Enos D. by his second wife, did not marry.

Nellie A., dau. " " " " " " m. Millard Tabbutt.

Harris W. Wass, son of Enos by his second wife, m. Alice Jane Merritt. Children: Isabelle, m. Milton Crowley; Lena m.Ralph Joy.

Sally Wass, dau. of James, m. John Plummer, son of Moses. Children (PLUMMER): Nancy, m. B.F.Drisko, son of Jeremiah; Frances, m. Perrin Drisko; Lucy, m. D. Coffin Curtis; James, m. .... Leighton, dau. of Aaron; Henry.

Frances Wass, dau. of James, m. Ebenezer Sawyer, of Steuben, (Int.) March 25, 1823. No children.

Sylvina A. Wass, dau. of James, b. 1810, d. 1874, m. Bryce Plummer, who was b. 1802 and d. 1880.

Aphatha Wass, dau. of James, m. Daniel Curtis.

Salome Wass, dau. of James, did not marry.

Pamelia Wass, dau. of James, did not marry.

Chipman Wass, son of James, m. Mary Curtis, who was b. 1808. Children: Elvena, b. 1832, m. Alonzo Drisko, son of Jeremiah and Ann (Frankland) Drisko; Deborah, b. 1836, m. Alben Leighton, of Portland; Sarah A., b. 1837, m. — Farnsworth of Pembroke.
Mary (Curtis) Wass m. (2) John Kilrow, who was b. 1826.

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5 - JOHN. Born 1777, m. Anna Dyer, dau. of Capt. Henry Dyer II. Anna b. at Steuben, Maine, June 10, 1780. Both were living at Addison in 1850. Children: Enoch; David; Walter; Henry; Rebecca; Lovicie; Eliza; Ann; Jane; Asenath; Christine.

Enoch Wass, son of John, m. Clarissa Davis, dau. of Samuel and Susan (Nash) Davis. Children: Alexander; Jerome B., m. Sarah F. Allen, dau. of Francis. 9-29-1859.
Clarissa (Davis) Wass m. (2) Jesse L. Nash (Int.) at Columbia, Dec. 25, 1841.

David Wass, son of John, b. 1810 d. 1858 m. Loraine Plummer, who was b. 1816. Children: Vinal David, b. 1835; Mary J.P., b. 1837.
Vinal David Wass, son of David, m. Laura Plummer, dau. of Fellows and Margaret (Wass) Plummer. They had a son, John Brown Wass, whose son, Harry Vinal Wass, had a son, Robert Harry Wass.

Walter Wass, son of John, m., March, 1837, Sarah Ingersoll, dau. of Nathaniel and Prudence (Stewart) Ingersoll.
Sarah (Ingersoll) Wass m. (2) Freeman Higgins.

Henry Wass, son of John. No further record.

Rebecca Wass, dau. of John, m. (Int.) Nov. 21, 1826, Handy Leighton, of Steuben, son of Jonathan and Anna (Dyer) Leighton.

Lovicie (or Louisa) Wass, dau. of John, m. Henry Leighton, son of Jonathan and Anna (Dyer) Leighton. (Int.) June 23, 1822.

Eliza Wass, dau. of John, m. William Vinal Dyer, son of Andrew and Ruth (Brown) Dyer. Children (DYER): Eunice; Elizabeth; Sarah; probably others.

Ann Wass, dau. of John, m. Harris Dyer, son of Andrew and Ruth (Brown) Dyer.

William Vinal and Harris Dyer both built houses on the West Side of Pleasant River, Addison, near the Cecil P. Wass homestead. Both brothers later removed to some part of the West - Wm. Vinal to Oregon. Records of their children are lacking or incomplete.

Sybil H. Rich, who married Cecil P. Wass, also was a descendant of Andrew Dyer. See article about her descendants for further information regarding this branch of the Dyers.

Jane Wass, dau. of John. No further record.

Asenath Wass, dau. of John, b. 1807 or 1808, d. Aug. 13, 1852, m. Barna Plummer, who was b. 1805 or 1806 and d. Nov. 20, 1856.

Christine Wass, dau. of John, m. at Addison Nov. 15, 1844, Lemuel G. Means, son of Capt. Ray and Olive (Wormwood) Means. Christine d. at Milbridge, Maine, March 12, 1855. Lemuel m. (2) Mary Jane Wood, of Cambridge, Mass. He had several children by one or both of his wives.

DESCENDANTS OF WILMOT WASS II AND LUCY (STROUT) WASS

6 -LUCY. This daughter of Wilmot II and Lucy (Strout) Wass m. Elisha Norton, son of Seth. No additional record.

7 - MARY. Married Nathaniel Wilson. She d. May 1, 1824. Nathaniel b. Oct. 31, 1769, d. April 2, 1832. See Wilson family records.

DESCENDANTS OF WILMOT WASS II AND HIS SECOND WIFE, REBECCA (JORDAN) WASS

1 - JOSEPH. Born 1783 or 1784, m. Susan Coffin, dau. of Matthew, who was b. 1789 and d. June 9, 1868. Children: John C.; Wilmot IV; Shadrach; Phebe C.; Susan.

John C. Wass, son of Joseph, b. March 29, 1810, d. Oct. 10, 1884, m. (Int.) July 8, 1833, Achsah R. Strout, who was b. 1810, d. Feb. 27, 1892. Child: Zemro S., b. 1834 or 1835, d. April 23, 1853.

Wilmot Wass (IV), son of Joseph, b. Nov. 16, 1811, d. Oct. 23, 1889, m. Frances Plummer, dau. of Jeremiah. She was b. April 1, 1812, and d. Jan. 20, 1892. Children: Willard; Susan C.; Livonia.

Willard R. Wass, son of Wilmot IV, b. Nov. 18, 1833, d. July 14, 1897, m. Hannah T. Willey of Cherryfield, who was b. April 3, 1835, and d. Feb. 14, 1897. Children: Susie B.; Flora E.; Wilmot A. ("Will"); Delia A.; Oliver M.; Annie E.; Amasa W.; Eugene F.; Edgar R.; Fanny G.; Lura N.

Susie B. Wass, dau. of Willard, b. Dec. 3, 1855, m. William F. Nutting, of Milbridge, and d. Sept. 9, 1900.

Flora E., dau. of Willard, b. March 25, 1857, m. (1) Amos Buzzell, of Columbia (Int.) Dec. 21, 1874. Three children, including Rena, who m. Charles E. Colson, son of John and Eunice (Wass) Colson. Flora m. (2) Charles H. Ward, of Massachusetts. She d. March 30, 1943.

Wilmot A. ("Will"), b. Jan.19, 1861, m. Eva Nash, dau. of Abraham, and D. March, 1920. Child: Ernest.

Delia A. Wass, dau. of Willard, b. Feb. 13, 1863, d. Nov.8,1865.
Oliver M. Wass, son of Willard, b. Aug. 30, 1865, d. Dec. 19, 1920, m. (1) Lettie Allen, of Columbia, Mar. 3, 1885. Several children, including Livonia, Melvina and Louisa. He m. (2) Lizzie Dinsmore, of Harrington.
Annie E. Wass, dau. of Willard, b. Oct. 6, 1867, m. Charles V. Carter, Columbia, and d. May 31, 1932.
Amasa W. Wass, son of Willard, b. May 28, 1870, d. Aug. 10, 1910, m. Mary A. Wass, Eastport, Maine, (Int.) Nov. 15, 1888.
Eugene F., son of Willard, b. Oct. 12, 1872, d. June 9, 1889.
Edgar R., son of Willard, b. Sept. 16, 1874, killed in Spanish-American War, July 13, 1898, and was buried in San Diego, Calif.
Fanny G., dau. of Willard, b. Sept. 25, 1877, d. Nov. 10, 1895, m. Delbot Jellison, Franklin, Maine.
Lura N., dau. of Willard, b. Oct. 24, 1879, d. Aug. 12, 1930, m. (1) Hazen Baldwin and (2) George Walsh, of Eastport, Maine.

Susan C. Wass, dau. of Wilmot (IV), b. 1840, d. 1870, m. Voranus C. Plummer, (Int.) March 15, 1858.

Livonia F. Wass, dau. of Wilmot (IV), m. Eugene Nash, July 26, 1873. Children: James and Lucy (SURNAME NASH).

Shadrach Wass, son of Joseph, b. 1820, m., Dec. 12, 1845, Sarah Ann Dyer, dau. of William Vinal. She was b. Sept. 16, 1827.

Phebe C. Wass, dau. of Joseph , Married (Int.) Jan. 3, 1825, Amos B. Plummer, son of Moses.

Susan Wass, dau. of Joseph, b. 1821, d. Sept. 15, 1838.

DESCENDANTS OF WILMOT WASS II AND REBECCA (JORDAN) WASS

2 - DAVID. Born May 29, 1787, d. Oct. ~~23~~ 26, 1870, m., Jan. 4, 1816, Hadassah Nash, dau. of Isaiah and Priscilla (Strout) Nash. She was b. Sept. 17, 1794, and d. May 12, 1889. Children: Nathaniel N.; Luther P.; Priscilla; Calista S.; Clara Antoinette; Belinda C.; Esther B.; Nancy C.; Maria S.

Nathaniel N. Wass, son of David, b. 1818, d. 1904, m. Clarinda Nash, dau. of William. She was b. Feb. 8, 1822, d. 1909. Children: Francis (Frank N.); John B.; Minnie G.

Francis (Frank N.) Wass, b. 1848. Did not marry.

John B. Wass, son of Nathaniel, m. (1) Susie Worcester, dau. of Isaac and Louisa (Tabbutt) Worcester. Child: Susie. He m. (2) Flora B. Wass, dau. of Edwin and Elizabeth (Burns) Wass. Children: Willis Nathaniel and Lyndon W.
Willis N. m. Elizabeth Wetmore, of South Portland. Their children: Barbara and Donald.
Lyndon W. m. Dorothy Wetmore, of South Portland. No children.

Minnie G. Wass, dau. of Nathaniel, did not marry. In charge of the Mayhew Library, Addison, for many years.

Luther P. Wass, son of David, m. Mary J. Nash, dau. of Uriah and Anna (Wass) Nash. Children: William E.; Calista M.; Mary M.

William E. Wass, son of Luther, m. Marianna R. Stevens of Steuben, May 11, 1887. No children.

Calista M. Wass, dau. of Luther, m. Charles E. Leighton, (Int.) Nov. 28, 1871.

Mary M. Wass, dau. of Luther, b. Oct. 30, 1857, d. at Harrington May 10, 1948, m. Reuben Howard Small June 8, 1881.

Priscilla Wass, dau. of David, b. Oct. 27, 1822, d. at Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 12, 1914, m. Horatio Nelson Plummer at Addison, Feb. 19, 1845.

Calista S. Wass, dau. of David, m. Francis Le Baron Mayhew, who was b. Nov. 15, 1821, and d. in Brooklyn, N.Y., Oct. 21, 1900. He was a son of Matthew and Sally Ann (LeBaron) Mayhew and was a fifth generation descendant of Dr. Francis LeBaron, of Plymouth, Mass., whose interesting story is included in the LeBaron genealogy.

Clara Antoinette Wass, dau. of David, m., Dec. 10, 1849, John Coffin Talbot, Jr., of Machias, who was b. Nov. 3, 1816, son of John Coffin and Mary (Foster) Talbot. Children (TALBOT): Mary H.; Annie M.; John C.III; Frank M.; William H.; Esther B.

Belinda C. Wass, dau. of David, b. 1830, d. 1911, m. Henry W. Patten, of New York, Sept. 11, 1853.

Esther B. Wass, dau. of David, b. Nov. 27, 1835, d. June 30, 1918, m. John Coffin Talbot, Jr., as his second wife.

Nancy C. Wass, dau. of David, b. 1833, d. Oct. 24, 1852.

Maria S. Wass, dau. of David, b. ~~1830~~ 1840, d. 6-2 1857.

DESCENDANTS OF WILMOT WASS II AND REBECCA (JORDAN) WASS

3 - ANNA. Born Nov. 17, 1789, d. Aug. 12, 1878, m. Dec. 9, 1806, Uriah Nash, son of Isaiah and Mary (Ingersoll) Nash. Uriah was b. Oct. 3, 1783, and d. April 27, 1857. Children (NASH):

Rebecca, m. Simeon Coffin. She d. in 1845 and he m. Harriet Frankland.

Stillman W., b. May 31, 1809, m. Melissa W. Nash, dau. of Joseph J.

Myrick, m. Rhoda Coffin, dau. of David.

Moses, m. his brother's widow, Rhoda (Coffin) Nash.

Lewis, m. Anna Strout; Mary J., m. Luther P. Wass; Susanna m. Mark Dyer; Alvin B., m. Harriet Cole; William Azro m. Elvira S. Wass, dau. of Stillman; Augusta, m. Thaddeus Coffin; Warren.

DESCENDANTS OF WILMOT WASS II AND REBECCA (JORDAN) WASS

4 - DANIEL SAWYER. Born May 22, 1798, d. at Grundy Center, Iowa, Aug. 7, 1873, burial at Eldora, Iowa, m. at Addison, Oct. 7, 1819, Rebecca Alline Nash, dau. of Holmes and Mary (Drisko) Nash. Rebecca was b. at Columbia Nov. 15, 1799, and d. May 12, 1880, burial at Eldora, Iowa.

The children of Daniel and Rebecca were Rufus Wilson; Harriet LeBaron; George Nash; Anne Rebecca; Mary J.; Holmes N.; Napoleon Bonaparte; Anna E.

Rufus Wilson Wass, son of Daniel, b. Aug. 17, 1820, at Addison, d. at Beresford, S.D., Aug. 7, 1900, burial at Grundy Center, Iowa. He m. Mary Ann Gulliver in Boston, Aug. 15, 1846. She was b. in Boston March 5, 1831. This couple resided at Addison until 1856 and it is assumed that it was the birthplace of their first five children. The children were: George Francis; Louise Hinkley; Idolette De Bure; John Nichols; Daniel; Lester Lizenby; Victor Curtiss.

George Francis Wass, son of Rufus, b. Jan. 23, 1849 at Addison, d. in Iowa, burial at Grundy Center, Iowa, m. Emma Christine Wegstein, who was b. in Newark, N.J., Dec. 31, 1862, and d. at Hutchinson, Kansas, Dec. 9, 1941. Children: George, Jr.; Louise; Lettie; Ida; Mary; Frances. Ida, b. at Grundy Center Feb. 5, 1886, d. at Hutchinson, Kansas, Nov. 5, 1942, m. Claude J. Miller.

Louise Hinkley Wass, dau. of Rufus, b. at Addison Dec. 31, 1850, d. Sept. 13, 1951, at the age of 100. Burial at Beresford, S.D. She m. John R. Carleton at Osage, Iowa, May 15, 1877. He d. in 1900. Children (CARLETON): George R., b. Feb. 11, 1878, d. Aug. 7, 1880, burial at New Hampton, Iowa; Will Francis, b. Feb.28, 1880 at New Hampton, d. Jan. 20, 1925, at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, with burial at Beresford, S.D.

Idolette De Bure Wass, dau. of Rufus, b. at Addison Sept. 7, 1852, burial at Bancroft, Iowa, m. Harlow H. Highley. Children (HIGHLEY): Arthur; Frank; Mary; Ethel.

John Nichols Wass, son of Rufus, b. at Addison March 6, 1854, d. at Beresford May 29, 1935, and buried there. He m. Harriet Garwood at Wakonda, S.D., July 26, 1892. She d. in 1909. Children: Lloyd Milton, b. May 25, 1893; A dau. who died shortly after birth; Wayne Garwood, b. Jan., 1899, d. about 1922.

Lloyd Milton, son of John Nichols Wass, m. Rose Elizabeth Stuessi, June 1, 1916 and had son, Milton LeRoy Wass. Lloyd Milton Wass and his son were living at or near Beresford, S.D., in 1953.

Daniel Wass, son of Rufus, b. at Addison, April, 1856, d. there fall of 1856.

Lester Lizenby Wass, son of Rufus, b. in Iowa, date variously reported to be 1857, 1858, and March 7, 1860. He d. at an early age and is buried at Grundy Center.

Victor Curtiss Wass, son of Rufus, b. at Hudson, Iowa, Oct. 14, 1864, d. in Minnesota Jan. 19, 1948, burial in Minneapolis. He m. May Stevens and they had at least four children: Harold; Hazel; Lowell; Rolland.

Harriet LeBaron Wass, dau. of Daniel S., b. at Addison Nov. 3, 1821, d. Feb. 24, 1901, burial at Eldora, Iowa, m. Thomas G. Copp at Chelsea, Maine, Nov. 22, 1840. He d. Aug. 2, 1886.

Thomas and Harriet had a daughter, Agnes Copp, who m. Daniel G. Meader, whose mother, Sarah, was a sister of Thomas Copp. The Copps also had an adopted dau., Eva Lawrence Copp, whose grandfather, John Nash, was a brother of Rebecca (Nash) Wass, wife of Daniel S.

George Nash Wass, son of Daniel S., b. Dec. 25, 1822, was lost at sea Aug. 15, 1848. He was b. at Addison.

Anne Rebecca Wass, dau. of Daniel S., b. at Addison April 19, 1824, d. June 30, 1904, burial at Grundy Center, m., Oct. 28, 1844, Charles (?) H. Walker. Child: George(Walker).

Mary J. Wass, dau. of Daniel S., b. at Addison May 30, 1830, d. there Feb. 14, 1845, burial in the Hill Cemetery.

Holmes N. Wass, son of Daniel S., b. at Addison Jan. 10, 1832, d. April 9, 1914, burial at Mason City, Iowa, m. in 1854 Arathusa L. Wilson, dau. of David G. and Lydia (Longfellow) Wilson. They had several children, including Louisa, Jennie and Helen.

Louisa (or Louise) Wass, dau. of Holmes N., m. John G. Robertson and they had several children. Drisko's History of Machias gives the children's names as William, James and Jennie, but a correspondent gives the names of John, Louise and Helen (Robertson).

Jennie Wass, dau. of Holmes N., m. C. H. Fay. (See Drisko's History of Machias).

Helen Wass, dau. of Holmes N., m. her cousin, George G. Walker, son of Charles and Anne Rebecca (Wass) Walker. George and Helen had a son, Charles Walker.

Napoleon Bonaparte Wass, son of Daniel S., b. at Addison Dec. 8, 1834, d. Sept. 5, 1921, burial in Los Angeles, m. ....
Children: Harriet, m. N. D. Huse; George, did not marry; another daughter who m. .... MacClay, and lived in Minneapolis.

Anna E. Wass, dau. of Daniel S., b. at Addison Jan. 29, 1836, d. March 8, 1902, burial at Ireton, Iowa, m. Morrison Sargent June 22, 1856 at Grundy Center. Children (SARGENT): Charles D.; Emma D.; Mary A.; Isabel K.; Fred.

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The Daniel S. Wass family emigrated from Addison, Maine, to Iowa in 1855 and 1856 and so far as we know none of them ever returned to Maine permanently. They played their pioneer parts in the winning of the West, and today, nearly one hundred years later, their descendants are widely scattered throughout the vast region between the Mississippi River and the Pacific Coast. We have corresponded with some of these descendants and have many interesting details on file.

DESCENDANTS OF WILMOT WASS II AND REBECCA (JORDAN) WASS

5 - STILLMAN S. Married Rebecca D. Merritt, dau. of David.
Children: Rebecca, m. Reuben Small.
Mary Ann, b. May 29, 1832, d. Mar. 12, 1909, m., Dec. 8, 1852

Harrison T. Nash, son of Oliver and Deborah (Smith) Nash. He was b. May 7, 1827, and d. May 26, 1919. The children of Harrison T. and Mary Ann (Wass) Nash were (NASH): Irving; George B. Martha.

Elvira S. Wass, dau. of Stillman S., m. William Agro Nash, son of Uriah and Anna (Wass) Nash, (Int.) Nov. 1, 1850.

Theresa Wass, dau. of Stillman S. No further record.

Wesley Wass, son of Stillman S., died young.

Lewis Wass, " " " " " "

George Augustus Wass, son of Stillman S., removed to the West, married there and never returned to the East.

THE CHILDREN OF WILMOT WASS II AND REBECCA (JORDAN) WASS

6 - REBECCA. Died young.

7 - BETSEY. Married Jeremiah Plummer, son of Moses II.

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THE CHILDREN OF DAVID MOORE WASS (SON OF WILMOT I) AND ABIGAIL (NASH) WASS

1 - REBECCA. Born 1781, d. Jan. 24, 1870, m. Samuel Campbell, of Cherryfield, son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Nickels) Campbell. Samuel was b. 1775 and d. Sept. 26, 1833. Children (CAMPBELL): David W.; Alexander; Francis C.; Fanny S.; Susan; William; Abigail; Aaron W.; Robert F.; Nancy A.

2 - AARON.("Isaac Aaron."). Born at Columbia, Maine, 1784, was the first settler in the Indian River section of Addison, d. at Indian River Oct. 16, 1827. He m., Nov. 27, 1806, Mary Knowles, dau. of Freeman and Susannah (Nash) Knowles. She was b. Sept. 3, 1785, and d. April 17, 1876. Children: Rebecca; Pamelia; Abigail; Mary; Susan; David Morey; Emma; Julia; Salome.

Rebecca Wass, dau. of Aaron, died unmarried.
Pamelia Wass " " " " "
Abigail Wass " " " " "

Mary Wass, dau. of Aaron, m. (1) in 1831, George Ulmer Ingersoll. No children. She m. (2) Duncan M. Nash, son of Abraham.

Susan Wass, dau. of Aaron, m. (1) Eusebius Emerson. Children (EMERSON): Edward; Laura; Phebe; Ada.
Susan (Wass) Emerson m. (2) J. Bissell.

David Morey Wass, son of Aaron, b. Jan. 31, 1818, d. Nov. 30, 1906, m. Jane Dyer Moore, dau. of James and Mary (Dyer) Moore, of Steuben. Jane was b. at Steuben June 10, 1816, d. Oct. 31, 1894. Children: Elmira M.; Crawford H.; Leander Knowles; Mary C.

Elmira M. Wass, dau. of David Morey, b. May 18, 1842, m. William H. McKenzie, son of Ellis and Margaret McKenzie, of Indian River. Children (MCKENZIE): Clifford; Grace; Leon.

Crawford H. Wass, son of David Morey, b. 1848, d. March 7, 1923, m. Sarah Tabbutt, dau. of Andrew, of South Addison. She d. July 4, 1903. Children: Persis; Lewis A.

Persis Wass, dau. of Crawford H., m. James McDevitt, of Cherryfield. No children.

Lewis A. Wass, son of Crawford H., who d. Oct. 26, 1940, m. (1) Grace C. Noyes, dau. of Justin R. and Jennie (Wass) Noyes. Grace d. Dec. 29, 1919. Child: Jennie.

Lewis m. (2) Susie Bradford, dau. of Frank and Phena Bradford, of Indian River (Addison). Children: Leander and Isabelle.

Leander Knowles Wass, son of David Morey, b. Sept. 17, 1853, d. Aug. 17, 1896, m. Nellie Crowley, dau. of H. Greenleaf and Fannie Crowley, of Indian River. Children: Blanche; Winifred; David Morey.

Blanche Wass, dau. of Leander, m. Dr. Maurice O. Brown, of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine. Children (BROWN): Ruth, m. B. Thomas Potter, Jr., of Providence, R.I.; Philip.

Winifred Wass, dau. of Leander, m. Edward H. Zeigler. Children (ZEIGLER): Virginia, m. George ...., of Newport, R.I.; Edward, Jr., m. Doris Gedney, Syracuse, N.Y.

David Morey Wass, son of Leander, m. Ida McBride, of Philadelphia Children: David Morey III and Jane (twins). Jane m. William Harris.

Mary C. Wass, dau. of David Morey(I), b. June 25, 1857, d. March 7, 1934, m. George Drisko, son of Timothy and Rachael Drisko. George d. May 12, 1921. Children (DRISKO): Georgia; Roy; Ina.

Emma Wass, dau. of Aaron, m. William Smith, of Jonesboro, son of Moses. Children (SMITH): Gilman; Mary; Lucy; Julia; Rachael; Lottie.

Julia Wass, dau. of Aaron, m. Enoch Emerson.

Salome Wass, dau. of Aaron, b. 1825, m. Aaron Emerson, who was b. 1825. Child (EMERSON): Gertrude, who m. Edgar Drisko, son of Thomas and Ellen Drisko. The children of Edgar and Gertrude were Merton and Irene. Merton m. Addie Emerson, dau. of Plummer and Cora Emerson. Irene m. John Chase, of Kent's Hill, Maine.

THE CHILDREN OF DAVID MOORE WASS AND ABIGAIL (NASH) WASS

3 - SUSANNA SHAW. Born 1786, m., June 4, 1804, William Ingersoll, Jr., son of William and Elizabeth (Knowles) Ingersoll. Wm. was b. Oct. 12, 1779, at Addison, d. May 6, 1858, at Columbia. Children (INGERSOLL): (a total of sixteen).

Abigail Wass (Nabby W.), b. [illegible], 1805, d. May, 1842, m. Daniel Leighton, who was b. 1799.

Eli B., b. July 26, 1806, m. Louisa F. Low, who was b. 1816.

Elvina Stevens, b. Feb. 20, 1808, d. December, 1853, m. Shepard McCaslin.

Fonze Green Hill, b. Nov. 19, 1809, m. Lucy(Corthell) Worcester, who was b. 1817.

Irene Young, b. Sept. 22, 1811, m. (1) Uriah Nash and (2) John Worcester. She d. Jan. 14, 1890.

Solomon Root Ingersoll, b. Sept. 10, 1813, m. (1) Eliza Nash, who was b. 1815 and d. 1845, and (2) Mrs. Mary (Conley) Archer.
Samuel Hillman, b. August, 1815, d. Dec., 1815.
Margaret Mayhew, b. Feb. 3, 1817. d. 1892, m. Jason Coffin, who was b. 1816.
Mary R., b. Jan. 29, 1819, d. in 1891, m. (1) Enoch Low, Jr., who was b. Feb. 6, 1814. She m. (2) Asa Webb.
Fanny Campbell, b. Jan. 29, 1821, m. William Worcester, who was b. 1817.
Luther Nathaniel, b. March 30, 1823, m. Sophia Dorr.
Temperance Anne, b. Feb. 13, 1825, d. April, 1877, m. George W. Coffin, who was b. 1823.
Shepard Mellen, b. April 9, 1827, m. Sarah Pennell, who was b. in 1829.
Rebecca Wass, b. June, 1829, d. 1892, m. John Rockwell, who was b. in 1824.
William Hillman, b. April 9, 1831, m. Cyrene Leighton.
Susanna Abi, b. June 3, 1833, m. Truman Look.

THE CHILDREN OF DAVID MOORE WASS (SON OF WILMOT I) AND ABIGAIL (NASH) WASS

4 - MARGARET M. Born June 18, 1794, d. Dec. 27, 1863, at Will, Illinois, m. July 14, 1808, James Ingersoll, another son of the senior William and Elizabeth (Knowles) Ingersoll. James was b. July 5, 1786, d. at Will, Illinois, Feb. 1, 1872. Children (INGERSOLL):
Rebecca C., b. 1811 (?), d. Aug. 1, 1837(?) unmarried; David M., b. July 28, 1814.
Levi Wass, b. June 30, 1816, m. Irene Low, who was b. 1822.
Emma Green, b. Feb. 26, 1819, m. Lehigh Low.
Heman Nickerson, b. at Centerville, Maine, Aug. 9, 1821, d. at Addison Dec. 28, 1894, m. (1) Adelaide A. Low and (2) Louise H. Wass, dau. of Levi and Amy (Knowles) Wass. Louise was b. June 20, 1826, and d. Nov. 10, 1907.
Maria W. Ingersoll, b. Feb. 1, 1824, d. April 22, 1843, m. William N. Boggs.
Christiana C., b. Aug. 4, 1827, d. October, 1877, at Beaver City, Indiana. She m. George W. Low.

DESCENDANTS OF DAVID MOORE WASS AND ABIGAIL (NASH) WASS

5 - LEVI. Born at Columbia about 1796, m. in 1818, Amy (Emma) Knowles, dau. of Freeman and Susanna (Nash) Knowles. Amy was b. about 1797. Both were living at Columbia in 1860. Children: Aaron; Lucy C.; Louise H.; David F.; Pamelia L.; Caroline Campbell; Margaret S.; Sarah M.; Susanna A.

Aaron Wass, son of Levi, m. Eliza A. Tucker, dau. of Justice, in 1845. Child: Almeda L., b. 1848.
Eliza (Tucker) Wass m. (2) Enoch Lincoln Tabbutt, son of William.

Lucy C. Wass, dau. of Levi, b. June 27, 1821, d. Dec. 30, 1914, m. (1) in 1841, John C. Tabbutt II, who was b. Aug. 24, 1815 and d. May 7, 1843. Child (TABBUTT): Ernvesta A., b. June 27, 1842, d. Oct. 18, 1898.

Lucy C. (Wass) Tabbutt m. (2) May 7, 1846, Levi Leighton, son of Moses and Prudence (Allen) Leighton. Child: (LEIGHTON) Horace Mann, b. April 14, 1850.

Horace Mann Leighton m. May 4, 1872, Margaret L. Wass, dau. of Moses L. and Mary Jane (Wass) Wass. Children (LEIGHTON): Lucy May, b. July 3, 1879; Frank Horace, b. Aug. 10, 1881; Josephine Wass, b. June 15, 1885.

Louise H. Wass, dau. of Levi, b. June 20, 1826, d. Nov. 10, 1907, m. Heman N. Ingersoll, son of James and Margaret M. (Wass) Ingersoll.

David F. Wass, son of Levi, b. 1834, d. at Fortress Monroe, Va., Nov. 16, 1862. He was Sergeant in Co. D, 22nd Regt. Maine Volunteers. He m. on July 4, 1855, Dency C. Leighton, dau. of Moses and Prudence (Allen) Leighton, who was b. 1833, d. 1916. Children: Mary L.; Frances M.

Pamelia L. Wass, dau. of Levi, b. 1829, m. Jan. 1, 1849, as his second wife, Jeremiah P. Drisko, son of Judah and Lucy (Plummer) Drisko. Jeremiah was b. Feb. 29, 1808. Children (DRISKO): Olivia; Levi W.; Lucy E.; George B.; Bert.

Caroline Campbell Wass, dau. of Levi, b. at Columbia, Aug. 24, 1836, d. at Addison July 22, 1921, m., Nov. 17, 1854, Philo Lewis Drisko, son of Judah and Lucy (Plummer) Drisko. Philo was b. April 19, 1822. Children: (DRISKO): Mary L.; Fannie B.; William J.

William J. Drisko, son of Philo, b. Sept. 8, 1866, d. Aug. 4, 1943, m., June 27, 1901, Martha W. Bucknam, dau. of Benjamin F. Children (DRISKO): Benjamin Bucknam; John.

Margaret S. Wass, dau. of Levi, was b. 1839.

Sarah M. Wass, dau. of Levi, b. Dec. 21, 1840, d. May 3, 1900, m., Nov. 7, 1862, Benjamin F. Bucknam, son of Nathan and Esther (Carlton) Bucknam. Benjamin was b. Nov. 21, 1835, d. June 10, 1886. Children (BUCKNAM): Lucy Ella, b. Mar. 20, 1864; Julia M., b. Jan. 13, 1873; Martha W., b. Nov. 8, 1875.

Susanna A. Wass, dau. of Levi. No further record.

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THE WASS FAMILY

SUPPLEMENT TO GENEALOGICAL RECORDS ON PAGES 57-84.
(Descendants of Wilmot and Rebecca (Allen) Wass)

CANCELLING AND SUPERSEDING THE JUNE, 1955, SUPPLEMENT
AND INCLUDING ALL ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS
FROM MARCH, 1953, TO MARCH, 1960

PAGE 57 (Genealogical Section).

The information on Pages 57-84, compiled in March, 1953, reached me from so many sources that it seemed impossible to document each individual item. However, the present Supplement gives at least a general idea of those sources and more detailed authority for the 1953-1960 additions.

A WORD ABOUT NAMES

The difficulties described in the last paragraph on Page 57 also apply to the material in this Supplement, particularly in the matter of names. There seems to be a special tendency to refer to men by their middle names. With the women, it is nicknames. For example, Abigail, Martha, Mary, Sarah and Susan sometimes become "Nabby," "Patty," "Polly," "Sally" and "Sukie" respectively!

John Wass, of Boston and Portland, married Ann Wilmot and their son was given his mother's maiden name. The numerals (I), (II), (III) and (IV) have been used to designate the earlier Wilmots of Addison and vicinity to avoid confusion, as each one of them was the progenitor of a large family. The name has been a favorite over the years and used many times as a middle or first name in families allied to the Wasses by marriage. Some bearing it have been familiarly known as "Will."

"Holmes" also has been frequently used in the Wass and allied families, probably originating with the maternal grandfather of Rebecca (Allen) Wass, Rev. William Homes, born 1663, a well known clergyman of Martha's Vineyard, whose diary is carefully preserved at the Maine Historical Society, Portland.

Research has developed interesting information regarding individuals connected with the Wasses and with the families with whom we have intermarried. One instance will serve as an illustration

Francis Le Baron, a young French physician, sailed in early Colonial days on a small French warship or privateer which was wrecked on the southern Massachusetts coast. France and England were at war and the captured men were sent to Boston. Enroute they paused briefly at Plymouth, Mass., which then had no regular doctor. Le Baron was asked to attend a case of serious illness and did so well that the people asked for and received permission to allow him to remain and become the town's physician. One of his descendants in the fifth generation, Francis Le Baron Mayhew, married Calista S. Wass, daughter of David and Hadassah (Nash) Wass, of Addison. It has also been noted that Daniel S. Wass, a brother of David, named one of his daughters Harriet Le Baron. See the Le Baron Genealogy for the story of the original Francis.

Sources of the genealogical records include the following:

PUBLISHED GENEALOGIES OF ALLIED FAMILIES

Bucknam; Chipman (New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. 91); "Descendants of Alexander Drummond of Georgetown, Maine," (Including Campbell and Snow families); Griswold; Haycock; Ingersoll; Knowles (N.E.Hist. & Gen. Register, Vol.80); Le Baron; Noyes; Puffer (Joseph Allen family); White.

PUBLISHED LOCAL HISTORIES

"History of Martha's Vineyard," (Banks); "Historical Sketch of Cherryfield and Harrington" (Willey); "History of Columbia" (Leighton); "History of Machias, Maine" (Drisko); "Old Kittery Families" (Stackpole); "History of Swan's Island" (Ross family); "Town Registers" published in 1905 of Addison-Harrington, Cherryfield, Jonesport-Indian River and Milbridge (Mitchell and Campbell).

VITAL RECORDS

Of Addison, Cape Elizabeth, Cherryfield, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Harrington, Machias, Milbridge, Scarboro and Steuben, Maine; Boston, Charlemont, Chilmark, Edgartown, Gloucester and Tisbury, Mass.

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH COLLECTIONS

Judge James A. Milliken of Cherryfield; Clarence H. Drisko of Columbia Falls and Bangor; Clarence Day, Orono; Mrs. Margaret (Kelley) Ashe Colton of Milbridge and Connecticut; Mrs. James H. Phelan of Brunswick, Maine, and Connecticut.

Judge Milliken, whose mother was a Wass, wrote a series of articles entitled "Settlement and Settlers on Pleasant River," which were published in the "Machias Republican" in January, February and March, 1888. They were never completed because of his serious illness in March of that year. Families dealt with included Bucknam, Coffin, Ingersoll, Look, Nash, Norton, Plummer, Reynolds and Wass. Mr. Milliken, as Judge of Probate for Washington County, was in a good position to compile family information. However, his Wass family material was sometimes incomplete or incorrect, particularly in listing the marriages and children of the first two Wilmots.

Brief information about Judge Milliken's background is shown on Page 71.

NEWSPAPERS

"Machias Union" Vital Records, 1853-1861.

"Machias Republican," January-March, inclusive, 1888 (Milliken articles).

"Machias Valley News-Observer," (Miscellaneous Vital Records)

Miscellaneous papers - Vital Records.

CONVERSATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

With many relatives and friends of the family at Addison, Camden, Dover-Foxcroft, East Machias, Harrington, Machias, Otter Creek, Portland, Searsport and South Portland, Maine. Also Ashby, Avon, Auburndale, Boston, Cambridge, Gloucester and Wrentham, Mass., New York City and other places in the United States and Canada. The

names are too numerous to list, but special mention should be made of correspondence rega rding the Daniel S. Wass family with his descendants, Mrs. Ida (Wass) Miller, of Hutchinson, Kansas, Everett L. Meader of Wichita, Kansas, and Lloyd Milton Wass of Beresford, South Dakota. Also correspondence with Miss Vera E. Griswold, sister of former Governor and U. S. Senator Dwight P. Griswold, of Nebraska, a descendant of the first Wilmot through his son, John.

MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES

U. S. Census of 1850 (Addison and adjoining towns); Tombstone inscriptions in the Addison Hill, Indian River and Columbia cemeteries, also from the old Dyer's Point cemetery on the West Side at Addison, also from old burial lots in sections of South Addison visited by Clarence H. Drisko; Old records of the Addison Baptist Church; N. E. Historical & Genealogical Register, Vol. 17 (Marriage Intentions of Wilmot Wass (II) and Lucy Strout); Bowdoin College Catalogue (Edward Hames Wass and Everett Langdon Wass); "Columbia Masonry," (William Wass); Diary of Rev. William Homes of Martha's Vineyard; "Biographical Review," Maine, (Levi Leighton family); Bangor Historical Magazine." "Maine Historical & Genealogical Recorder"; Records of the Brattle Street Church, Boston; "Historical Register and Dictionary of the U.S. Army," Vol. 1, also "The Civil War Dictionary,published 1959, (Ansel Dyer Wass); "Courage in the Crisis," Boston Sunday Post, Jan. 18, 1942 (Lester S. Wass).

For additional information about the first Wilmot Wass, his wife, Rebecca (Allen) Wass and their children, see Pages 24 to 32, inclusive.

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Elizabeth (Wass) Curtis and Christopher Curtis were the parents of Uriah Curtis, long time druggist at Addison. Uriah's children: Lucy, Helen and Frederick.

Elmer, son of John Plummer Wass, b. at Addison Oct. 27, 1888, m., Oct. 27, 1909, Hazel Burdett of Leominster, Mass. Children: Florence, Dorothy, Roberta and Loren Elmer.

Loren Wass, b. 1926, d. Oct. 10, 1958. He m. ... ... and had sons, Bradford Loren, b. May 10, 1948, and Gregory John, b. Jan. 30, 1950.

Bessie Wass, dau. of John P., b. at Addison, m. Clark Rearden of Leominster. Children (REARDEN): Kathleen, m. Edward Nickerson (five children); John, unmar., Jan., 1960.

Vernon Wass, son of John P., b. at Leominster Oct. 25,1907, m. Gladys Cloutier. Children: Leone, m. Peter Miller; Gladys d. Sept., 1959. (Information from LeRoy C. Wass,Avon, Mass., and Elmer Wass).

Holmes Wass 58, wife Betsey 53, in 1850. Alphonso M. Wass, age 11, an additional member of the family at that time. (Census of 1850).

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Charles T. Wass, son of Gilbert, b. at Harrington April 1, 1891, d. at Providence, R.I., May 25, 1954, burial at Leominster. He m. Ruth Wallace. They had a son, Edward D. Wass, also three granddaughters. (Providence Journal, May 26, 1954).

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Martha ("Patty") Haycock, dau. of Ralph and Martha (Burnell) Haycock, baptized at Gloucester, Mass., Jan. 16, 1763. She m. (1), Robert Miller and they had a dau. Sarah, or "Sally," who m. Lemuel D. Wass (see Page 61). Martha (Haycock) Miller m. (2), Moses Look, son of Daniel and Ann (Butler) Look. Moses was b. in 1767. (Haycock Genealogy - Gloucester Vital Records - Wass family records)

Winfield M. Perry, b. June 15, 1872, d. at Southwest Harbor, Maine, Aug. 26, 1959, burial at Hill Cemetery, Addison. (Machias paper of Sept. 2, 1959).

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Catherine W. Wass m. Oramander Drisko Dec. 14, 1861. (Machias Union records).

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Ansel Dyer Wass, son of Otis and Melintha (Dyer) Wass, had a distinguished record in the Civil War. Beginning Aug. 28, 1861, he served as Captain, Major and Lieut.-Colonel of the 19th Mass. Volunteer Infantry, Lieut-Col. of the 41st Mass. Infantry and Colonel of the 60th Mass. Infantry. On March 13, 1865 he was made brevet Brigadier-General of Volunteers for gallantry and meritorious service during the war. At one time he commanded the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, 2nd Corps. Was wounded in action at Gettysburg and at Bristoe Station, Va., Oct. 14, 1863. He died Jan. 24, 1889. (Historical Register and Dictionary of the U.S. Army," (Vol. 1). Also "The Civil War Dictionary," by Mark M. Boatner (III), which was published in 1959).

Milbridge V.R. state that "Ansel F. Wass" was m. to Rose M. Sargent, of Lynn, Mass., Oct. 12, 1881, by Rev. Edward R. Thorndike. (Could this be a son of Ansel Dyer Wass? There was an "Ansel Freeman" in the Alexander Wass family).

Rebecca Wass m. Shepard McCaslin, son of John and Sarah (Knowles) McCaslin. Shepard was b. March 17, 1795. He m. (2), Catherine Brown and (3), Elvina S. Ingersoll, dau. of William and Susanna (Wass) Ingersoll. (Knowles Genealogy, Vol. 80, N.E. Hist. & Gen. Register) - Columbia V.R. - Columbia Cemetery records.

Mrs. Carrie (Hinkley) Preble, b. at Addison Aug. 25, 1866, d. at Milbridge Dec. 29, 1959, at 93, burial at Addison. She was the last survivor of the forty grandchildren of N. Jones and Lois (Look) Wass. (See Pages 62-64, inclusive).

Harry S. Wass m. (2), late in life, Nellie ..... Harry d. Dec. 8, 1958, at 94. He lived in the "Cape Split" section of South Addison near the site of the Wilmot Wass (I) homestead.

Lucretia T. Wass, dau. of Otis, m. William Anderson, Jr., in Boston, Oct. 1, 1857. (Marriage Notices from Machias Union).

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Julia M. Wass, dau. of Robert and Mrs. Annie (Allen) Small Wass, m. (1), Elbridge Harrison Friend, of Gloucester, Mass. Children (FRIEND): Fanny Clifford and Phineas. Julia m. (2), Albert Carpenter, of Boston.

Fanny Clifford Friend m. John Hendrix MacLane, of South Carolina. Children (MACLANE): Allen, Gordon and Lilias.

Lilias MacLane m. Herbert J. Seligmann.

(Letter from Mrs. Seligmann, New York City).

Lester S. Wass of Gloucester, Mass., son of Lorenzo A. and Elizabeth (Cook) Wass, graduated from Dartmouth College in 1909, joined the Marines and saw service in China, the Philippines and Mexico. In World War I he was a captain in the famous Fifth Brigade of Marines which won fame at Belleau Wood. He was cited five times for extraordinary heroism and won the Distinguished Service Cross. He was killed while leading a charge near Soissons, France. A Gloucester public square, also the local American Legion post were named in his honor. ("Courage in the Crisis," by Bob Coyne, Boston Sunday Post, Jan. 18, 1942).

Christopher Wass died July 1, 1829, age 61 yrs., 1 mo. 20 days. His wife, Polly, d. Oct. 17, 1859, age 87. The 1850 census lists her in the Jesse Merritt household as Mary.

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Almida L. Wass m., Dec. 14, 1867, Capt. William P. Allen, son of Joseph and Jerusha Ann (Puffer) Allen. William was b. Aug. 19, 1842. (Puffer Genealogy).

Everett L. Wass m. Mary I Lawrence, (Int.) Sept. 9, 1867. (Cherryfield V.R.)

William Henry Wass, son of Henry, d. at sea Feb. 6, 1857. (Machias Union notices).

Alfred Wass, son of Henry, d. May 27, 1893. His first wife, Charity L., d. April 6, 1883, age 58. (Old So.Addison burial lot).

Susan (Brown) Wass, wife of Henry, d. June 5, 1865, age 68, buried in lot less than two miles from where her husband lies, perhaps because she had been living with son, Alfred, who is in the same lot.

Lawrence Tracy Wass, son of William H. and (A. Marie McHatton) Wass, m. Thelma Grover.

Helen M. Wass m. Eugene Schoell. Children (SCHOELL): Nancy, John and Daniel.

Mary E. Wass m. Ruel L. James. Child (JAMES): Anne Marie.

Frances E. Wass, unmarried in 1960.

Eleanor Wass (correction from "A. Elner,") m. Herbert L. George. Children (GEORGE): Lloyd and William L.

Louise (omitted from Page 66), m. Al. Peacock. Child (PEACOCK) "Rusty."

(Letter from Lawrence Tracy Wass, Otter Creek, Maine).

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Ella (or Ellen) M. Wass, dau. of Dimick, m. Amaziah Brown Feb. 23, 1877. (Milbridge V.R.)

Herbert James Wass, son of James Campbell Wass, m. Etta Colson Feb. 3, 1886. (Cherryfield V.R.)

Edwin R. Wass d. Nov. 15, 1880, age 53 yrs., 9 mos., and his wife, Elizabeth H., d. Aug. 12, 1882, age 49 yrs., 5 mos. (Old So. Addison burial lot).
Jennie (Wass) Noyes d. Dec. 11, 1889, age nearly 23. (Old So. Addison lot).

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The tenth child of Gerald Leroy Wass was Virgil.

George H. Wass was b. 1852, d. 1925. His wife d. 1943. (Indian River Cemetery).

William E. Wass, b. 1862, d. 1930. His wife, Margaret B., b. 1871, d. 1925. Harold David Wass, son of William and Margaret, b. 1898, d. 1921. Nolan Wass, son of William and Margaret, b. 1904, d. 1925. (So. Addison cemetery).

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Ellis Wass, b. Aug. 18, 1805, d. Oct. 18, 1892. His wife, Joanna, d. Feb. 5, 1895, age 89.
Adams B. Wass, son of Ellis and Joanna, d. Jan. 29, 1839, age 5. Walter B. Wass, son of Ellis and Joanna, d. Nov. 23, 1854, age 18. These evidently the "two sons died young" shown on above page.
Harriet A., dau. of Ellis and Joanna, m. Dec. 9, 1871, Benjamin Jones Allen, son of Joseph and Jerusha Ann (Puffer) Allen. Benjamin b. Jan. 19, 1848. They had two children. (Puffer Genealogy).
Ellis Wass family. When the 1850 census was taken the household included: Catherine, age 18; Walter B., then 14; Nancy J., age 11; Julia A., age 9; Leona, age 7; Harriet, age 5; Mary A., age 1. (For other details see Page 69, also this Supplement).

Louisa (Knowles) Wass m. (2), her cousin, Stephen Jones McCaslin, son of Alexander and Abigail (Knowles) McCaslin. (Columbia V. R. - Columbia Cemetery records - Knowles Genealogy).

Lemuel D. Wass, son of Christopher (I) and Polly (Dyer) Wass, b. 1811, d. 1881. His wife, Betsey, b. 1815, d. 1887. (Indian River Cemetery). Their dau., Carrie S., not previously listed)(I.R.Cem.)
Nancy E. Wass, dau. of Lemuel D. and Betsey, b. 1854, d. 1892, unmarried. (Indian River Cemetery).
Raymond A. Wass, son of Lemuel D. and Betsey, b.Feb. 9, 1864. (Indian River Cemetery).

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HENRY WASS, son of Lemuel D. and Betsey (Wass) Wass, b. at Addison Nov. 29, 1843, d. at Brockton, Mass., March 2, 1924. In

Chelsea, Mass., Nov. 24, 1870, he m. Sarah Elizabeth Louisa Dow, dau. of Enoch and Ruexbe Blake (Dodge) Dow, who was b. at East Weymouth, Mass., Nov. 24, 1848. Sarah d. Jan. 30, 1924. Seven children: Bertha and George Raymond, b. in Chelsea; Ida Isabelle, Harry, Fred Leslie, Gertrude May and LeRoy Carlton, all b. in Brockton.

Bertha Wass, dau. of Henry, b. 1871, d. July 30, 1937, m. Alden Jacobs of Brockton.

George Raymond Wass, son of Henry, b. Nov. 23, 1873, d. Sept. 1, 1915, m. (1), Nellie Pierce of Wellfleet, Mass. Child: Ralph C. George Raymond m. (2), about 1912, Cora Simpson. No children.

Ralph C. Wass, son of George R. and Nellie, b. July 18, 1898, m. Helen Stevens of Holbrook, Mass. Four children: Merle Wass, b. Aug. 6, 1920, m. Barbara Johnson. Merle and Barbara had two children: Judie and Carol Wass.

Marion Wass, dau. of Ralph C. and Helen, b. Aug. 24, 1921, m. (x) Avard O'Brian. Children (O'BRIAN): Marsha, Dennis and Donald.

Roger Wass, son of Ralph C. and Helen, b. May 18, 1924, m. (1) Dorothy Bradbury. Children: Kenneth and Kathleen Wass. Roger m. (2) Patricia Chase.

Shirley Wass, dau. of Ralph C. and Helen, b. Nov. 29, 1926, d. Jan. 13, 1928.

Ida Isabelle Wass, dau. of Henry, b. July, 1884, d. Aug. 10, 1958, at Rockland, Mass. She m. James A. Simmons, of Taunton, Mass. No children.

Harry Wass, son of Henry, m. Mabel A. Ashe Sept. 30, 1925. No children. Harry died about one year after marriage.

Fred Leslie Wass, son of Henry, d. Dec. 22, 1944, unmarried.

Gertrude May Wass, dau. of Henry, b. Dec. 31, 1888, d. Dec. 9, 1956, m. Chester Emory Leonard of Easton, Mass. Five children (LEONARD): George; Kenneth; Clarence; Ralph; David.

LeRoy Carlton Wass, son of Henry, b. Dec. 27, 1890, living at Avon, Mass., in 1960, m. Alice Gertrude Pike, dau. of John and Ada (Blanchard) Pike of Brockton. Five children, as follows:

Leroy Clayton Wass, son of LeRoy Carlton and Alice (Pike) Wass, b. at Whitman, Mass., m. Florence Gurney and had three sons, all b. in Brockton: Richard, Roger and Ralph Wass

Floyd Burton Wass, son of LeRoy C. and Alice, b. at Whitman, m. Mildred Gurney, sister of Florence. One son, Allan Wray Wass. Floyd and Mildred living at So. Coventry, Conn., in 1960.

Ronald Carlton Wass, son of LeRoy C. and Alice, b. in Brockton, m. (1) Meredith Wilbur of Taunton. She d. in 1946. Ronald m. (2), Mary Ellen Fay and they had two children: Raymond and Dianne Wass.

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Robert Arnold Wass, son of LeRoy C. and Alice, m., Nov. 24, 1950, Janet Whitney of Avon, Mass. Their four children: Laurel Ruth, Carolyn Janet, David Whitney, and Jonathan Robert Wass.
Melvin Wayne Wass, son of LeRoy C. and Alice, m., Aug. 16, 1952, Helen Jacobson of Avon. Three children: Linda Ellen, Jeffery Wayne and Gary Thomas Wass.

(Information regarding the Henry Wass family from his son, LeRoy C. Wass, of Avon, Mass.).

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"Polly" Wass, dau. of Christopher (I), (correct name was Mary), was 47 years old in 1850. Her husband, Edmund Stevens, was 59. (1850 census).

Nancy Wass, dau. of Christopher (I) and "Polly" (Dyer) Wass, apparently m. Jesse Merritt as his first wife. He m. (2), Mrs. Lucinda Beal. Tombstone inscriptions show Jesse was b. Oct. 28, 1801, d. Jan. 25, 1892, and wife, Nancy, d. March 23, 1872, age 69. In same lot, Lizzie E., adopted daughter of Jesse and Nancy, d. Jan. 10, 1860, age 3, also Lucy A., wife of Lincoln N. Tabbutt, d. Sept. 16, 1876, age 35, and the 1850 census would indicate that she was a dau. of Jesse and Nancy.
(Old So. Addison burial lot).

Miriam Fagan Wass, m. July 23, 1820, William Campbell Snow, who was b. at South Thomaston, Maine, Oct. 1, 1797, son of Ambrose and Frances (Campbell) Snow. Children of Miriam and William (SNOW): (born at Cherryfield) - William Wass, b. July 22, 1821; Francis Cobb, b. Dec. 13, 1823; Anna Wass, b. July 3, 1826; Mary Augusta, b. June 13, 1829, d. June, 1858. Miriam d. at Eastport about October, 1832 and William m. (2), Sarah McCready.
("Descendants of Alexander Drummond, of Georgetown, Maine.")

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Ellen A. Wass, of Columbia, m. Stephen S. Nash, then of Huntington, Penn., at Addison Aug. 25, 1860.

James Wass, one of the paternal great-great grandfathers of Walter P. Wass, d. at Addison July 7, 1855, age 82.
(Machias Union notices).

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Funeral of Cecil P. Wass, father of Walter P., at Addison 2:00 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, 1939. Minister, Rev. Drew. 40 people present, including six immediate family, two funeral directors (Stanley), thirty two others. Bearers, E.M.Grant, Preston W. Trundy, Warren Trundy, Walter Burgess.

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Alexander H. Wass, Sr.,family. Tombstones in the family lot in Hill Cemetery, Addison, list Reuben F., Ansel Freeman and Nathan Foster Wass, all of whom died in 1857. Some of these may have been children of Alex. H. Wass, Jr.

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Frances C. Wass m. John T. Ross, son of Thomas and Diana (Norwood) Ross, who moved from Swan's Island, Maine, to Addison in 1860. John d. at sea of yellow fever.
(History of Swan's Island, Maine).

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Mary (Curtis) Wass, whose first husband was Chipman Wass, m. (2) John Kilrow, who was b. in Ireland and who was 24 in 1850. Mary d. Dec. 1, 1879. (1850 census and stone in Dyer's Point burial ground, Addison).

Sarah A. Wass, dau. of Chipman and Mary (Curtis) Wass, b. 1837, m. Albert S. Ffansworth at Pembroke, Maine, Aug. 18, 1860.
(Machias Union notices).

Mary J. P. Wass, dau. of David. Milbridge V.R. list a "Mary S. P. Wass" m. Andrew F. Means (Int.), Aug. 22, 1855.

Vinal David Wass. Milbridge V.R. list him as m. Apphia Smith of Addison, (Int.) July 25, 1856, and (2), m. by Rev. H. M. Eaton to Laura A. Plummer, Aug. 10, 1879.

Rebecca Wass m. Handy Leighton, who was b. Sept. 21, 1800. Children (LEIGHTON): Margaret Wass, b. Sept. 21, 1827; Sophia Jones, b. Sept. 17, 1829; John Buckham, b. April 4, 1832; Jane W., b. Oct. 18, 1835; Harriet. Rebecca was 43 in 1850. (Steuben V.R. and 1850 census).

Lovicie Wass m. Henry D. Leighton, son of Jonathan and Anna (Dyer) Leighton, (Int. June 23, 1822). Lovicie was b. May 11, 1804, d. Feb. 10, 1864. Henry was b. April 18, 1799, d. March 10, 1882. They had a large family but Steuben V.R. and records made by the U. S. census taker in 1850 do not agree. Henry may have had a second marriage.

In their household was "Adams Wass," who d. Oct. 16, 1851, age 21. His tombstone in Steuben is inscribed "Adams D. Wass." (Letter from Col. Robert Campbell Love, of the U.S.Air Force, who also has Wass ancestry).

Eliza Wass m. William Vinal Dyer. Children (DYER): George Stillman, b. Feb. 28, 1823; Elizabeth, b. April 24, 1825; Sarah Ann, b. Sept. 16, 1827; Harriet Jones, b. Oct. 18, 1829; Rebecca Leighton, b. Nov. 16, 1831. (Steuben V.R.). Perhaps another child - Eunice?

Ann Wass m. Harris Dyer of Addison. Child (DYER): Sawin, b. May 23, 1833. (Steuben V.R.)

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Lucy Wass, dau. of Wilmot (II) and Lucy (Strout) Wass, m. Flisha Norton, son of Seth (I) and Amy (Norton). Children (NORTON): William W. d. at sea; Emery d. young; Hiram d. young; Elisha

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m. .... Fickett, dau. of Nathaniel; Otis m. ... .; Joseph; Polly m. ... Parker; Abigail unmarried.
(J.A.Milliken in Machias Republican, February, 1888).

Mary Wass, dau. of Wilmot (II), m. Nathaniel Wilson. Their son, Samuel Noyes Wilson, m. Sophia C. Coffin, dau. of Temple and Anna (Thorndike) Coffin.
(Harrington and Addison V.R. - 1850 census records).

Joseph Wass, son of Wilmot (II) and Rebecca (Jordan) Wass, d. Sept. 29, 1853, age 70. (Machias Union notices).

Wilmot Wass (IV) family. Census of 1850 shows another child, Mary A., age 6.

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Oliver M. Wass m. (1) Lettie Allen of Columbia. Six children by this first marriage, as follows:
Livonia, b. Dec. 5, 1885, m. Frank Dinsmore, and had several children.
Lillian Wass, b. Dec. 16, 1887, m. John Lamson. Two children (LAMSON): Donald and Lettie.
Hannah Wass d. as an infant.
Melvena Wass, b. Dec. 12, 1889, m. (1), Fred Leighton. One child (LEIGHTON): Berenice. Melvena m. (2), Irving Blood.
Louise Wass, b. June 2, 1891, m. (1) George Young. Children (YOUNG): Caswell and Layton. Louise m. (2), Alfred Charron.
Harriet Wass, b. Aug. 30, 1899, m. (1), Levi Foss. Four children (FOSS): Marian, Russell, Berthena and Lucy. Harriet m. (2), Scott Rand. One son, Jay Rand.

Oliver M. Wass m. (2), April 16, 1906, Elizabeth Bell Dinsmore, dau. of Azro and Sarah Dinsmore, of Harrington. Seven children by this second marriage, as follows:
Sarah Wass, b. June 2, 1907, d. 1908
Mae Wass, b. Oct. 6, 1908. Married and had children.
Willard Wass, b. June 29, 1911. Married and had children Robert and Diana.
Helen Wass, b. Nov. 30, 1913. Married and had children.
George Amasa Wass, b. March 18, 1915, d. August, 1919.
Azro Wass, b. Nov. 9, 1917. Married and had children Ramona and Peter.
Oliver G. Wass, b. Feb. 1, 1920. Married and had dau. Patricia.
(Correspondence with Mrs. Melvena (Wass) Blood and Mrs. Elizabeth (Dinsmore) Wass.)

Amasa Wilmot Wass, son of Willard, b. May 28, 1870, d. Aug. 10, 1910, m. at Addison Nov. 24, 1888, Mary Ann Wass, dau. of George and Annie Frances (MacGuinnis or McGennis) Wass. Members of the family say George Wass came from England and his wife from Scotland and it seems probable that this man was not of the Wilmot Wass line. The Marriage Intentions of Amasa and Mary Ann were filed at Eastport Nov. 15, 1888. Perhaps Mary Ann's parents were living at Eastport or a nearby New Brunswick town at the time and may have come quite

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George A. Wass, son of Stillman, age 10 in 1850, removed to some part of the West and married there.

Stillman W., son of Stillman, d. at Harrington March 25, 1861, age 17 yrs. 8 mos.

Lewis W., son of Stillman, age 5 in 1850, d. at Harrington Feb. 12, 1854.

(Sources, 1850 census - Machias Union notices).

Judge Milliken listed daughters Augusta and Hannah as additional children in the Stillman Wass family, but have no further record.

Stillman S. Wass m. (2), Mary Ray, of Milbridge, Nov. 22, 1860. (Machias Union notices).

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Rebecca Wass m. Samuel Campbell Dec. 29, 1803. (For further information about the Campbells see "Descendants of Alexander Drummond," also Steuben V. R.)

Daughters of Aaron Wass:
Phebe, (not previously listed), d. Sept. 3, 1828, age 18.
Rebecca C., d. Aug. 26, 1828, age 19.
Pamelia Lyon d. Dec. 2, 1827, age 20.
Abigail N., d. Feb. 26, 1831, age 3.
(Indian River Cemetery).

Susan(or Susanna)Wass , dau. of Aaron, was the second wife of Eusebius Emerson, whom she m. April 14, 1833. Eusebius m. (1), Susan McKenzie, May 4, 1828 (Int.). Children in the Emerson home in 1850 included Henry C., age 21; Stillman M.C., age 20; Phebe W.; Edward K.; Laura L. and Saloma, ages 16, 12, 8 and 2 respectively. The latter perhaps known as "Ada."

David Morey Wass, son of Aaron, m. July 14, 1841,(Int.) June 26, 1841, Mrs. Jane (Moore) Stuart. Census of 1850 lists Lewis F. Stuart, age 12, as a member of the David M. Wass household.

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Leander Knowles Wass m. Nellie Crowley. She m. (2), ... Goud and d. at Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, Dec., 1954, age 91.

Salome Wass, b. Feb. 27, 1825, m. Aaron Emerson and d. Jan. 6, 1910. (Indian River Cemetery).